

U.K. Aide Quits in Scandal

Another Setback For Conservatives

By John Darnton
New York Times Service

LONDON — Prime Minister John Major's government was dealt another blow Thursday as a junior minister for Northern Ireland resigned in a burgeoning scandal over a fugitive businessman with close ties to the Conservative Party.

Michael Mates, the security minister for Northern Ireland, had been the target of critical press coverage for two weeks, since it was learned that he and other Conservative Party members attempted to intercede on behalf of the businessman, Asif Nadir.

Mr. Nadir headed Polly Peck International PLC, which grew into a multibillion-dollar empire before collapsing in 1990. He was awaiting trial on 13 counts of fraud and false accounting when he fled to Turkish-controlled Cyprus last month, carrying with him \$5.2 million, a record, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

The resignation came one month after Mr. Major reshuffled his cabinet and dismissed his controversial chancellor of the Exchequer, Norman Lamont. Though Mr. Mates' position was nowhere near as exalted as that of the departed Mr. Lamont, the furor over the minister has preoccupied both the government and the press.

Mr. Mates had written three letters in behalf of Mr. Nadir, including one to the attorney general that complained about the "injustice" of the way the authorities were pursuing their cases against him.

In a telling detail it emerged that, at the height of Mr. Nadir's troubles, Mr. Mates had given him a watch with the inscription: "Don't let the buggers get you down."

Throughout, the minister, whose job put him in charge of security in Northern Ireland, insisted that he had done nothing wrong and that he would stay on.

One story had revealed that a public relations concern working for Mr. Nadir lent a car to Mr. Mates's wife for several weeks.

Initially, the prime minister supported his minister, telling the House of Commons that the gift of the watch may have been an error of judgment but was not "a hanging offense."

So Mr. Major's announcement of Mr. Mates's resignation, which he said he accepted "with regret," took the Commons by surprise in the afternoon. It was met with gasps, especially from opposition Labor members who had been looking forward to seeing Mr. Major dragged over the coals because of the scandal.

Mr. Nadir, out of reach of British law, has been giving interviews, promising that he will make disclosures about the Conservatives that will prove, as he told The Times of London, "more damaging than the Watergate affair was for America."

350 Years Later, Math Conundrum Bites the Dust

By Gina Kolata
New York Times Service

NEW YORK — More than 350 years ago, a French mathematician wrote a deceptively simple theorem in the margins of a book, adding that he had discovered a marvelous proof of it but lacked space to include it in the margin.

He died without ever offering his proof, and mathematicians have been trying ever since to supply it. Now, after thousands of claims of success that proved untrue, mathematicians say the daunting challenge, perhaps the most famous of unsolved mathematical problems, has at last been surmounted.

The problem is known as Fermat's last theorem, and its apparent conqueror is Andrew Wiles, 40, an English mathematician who works at Princeton University in New Jersey. Mr. Wiles announced the result Wednesday at the last of three lectures given at Cambridge University in England.

Within minutes of the end of his final lecture, computer mail messages were winging around the world as mathematicians alerted each other to the startling and almost wholly unexpected result.

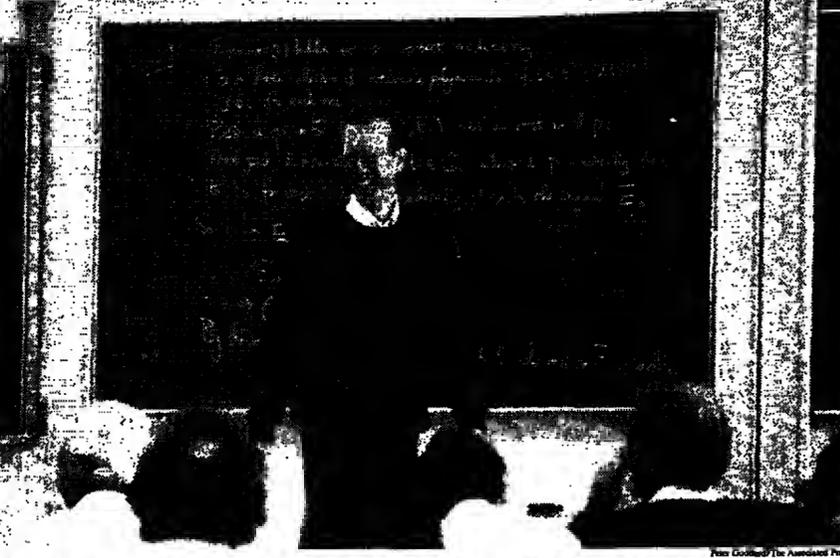
Leonard Adelman of the University of Southern California said he received a message about an hour after Mr. Wiles' announcement. The frenzy is justified, he said. "It's the most exciting thing that's happened in — geez, maybe ever — in mathematics."

Mathematicians present at the lecture said they felt "an elation," said Kenneth Ribet of the University of California at Berkeley. "The theorem, an overarching statement about what solutions are possible for certain simple equations, was stated in 1637 by Pierre de Fermat, a 17th century French mathematician and physicist."

Many of the brightest minds in mathematics have struggled to find the proof ever since, and many have concluded that Fermat, contrary to his tantalizing claim, had probably failed to develop one.

With Mr. Wiles' result, Mr. Ribet said, "the mathematical landscape has changed."

"You discover that things that seemed completely impossible are



Andrew Wiles savored the moment after presenting his proof of Fermat's last theorem at lectures at Cambridge University.

more of a reality. This changes the way you approach problems, what you think is possible."

Fermat's last theorem has to do with equations of the form $x^n + y^n = z^n$ where n is a whole number greater than 2. This means, for instance, that it would be impossible to find any whole numbers x , y and z such that x cubed plus y cubed equals z cubed. Thus $3^3 + 4^3 = 5^3$, which is not the cube of any whole number.

Mathematicians in the United States said that the logic of Mr. Wiles' proof is persuasive because it is built on a carefully developed edifice of mathematics that goes back more than 30 years and is well accepted by researchers.

But experts cautioned that Mr. Wiles could have made some subtle mistake. Famous and not-so-famous mathematicians have claimed proofs in the past, only to be tripped up by errors.

In 1908, the German Academy of Sciences offered a prize of 100,000 marks for a proof that the theorem was correct.

The prize, which still stands though it has been reduced to 7,500 Deutsche marks, about \$4,385, has attracted the world's cranks, Mr. Edwards said. When the Germans said the proof had to be published, "the cranks began publishing their solutions in the vanity press," he said, yielding thousands of booklets. The Germans told him they would even award the prize for a proof that the theorem was not true, Mr. Edwards added, saying that they "would be so overjoyed that they

wouldn't have to read through these submissions."

Mr. Wiles' proof "completes a chain of ideas," said Nicholas Katz of Princeton University. The work leading to the proof began in 1954, when the late Japanese mathematician Yutaka Taniyama made a conjecture about mathematical objects called elliptic curves.

But, Mr. Katz said, mathematicians had no perception through the 1950s to '70s that this had any relationship to Fermat's last theorem.

Fermat's Last Theorem

"The equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$, where n is an integer greater than 2, has no solution in positive integers."

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Attali, Under Siege, Relies on Mitterrand as Shield

By Joseph Fitchett
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Fighting for his job as head of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Jacques Attali has pinned his hopes of surviving attacks on his job as a banker and author on a simple trump card: the support of France's president, François Mitterrand.

Although Mr. Mitterrand has not spoken out publicly to defend his former aide, the aura of a French presidential blessing can provide a layer of political immunity enabling Mr. Attali to escape both dismissal at the international bank and a potential court case over his writings, sources said Thursday in Paris.

Both crises are coming to a head. At the bank, Mr. Attali is pushing for a radical reorganization that would leave him in nominal charge, despite objections from smaller

European governments that expect an outside auditors' report to be damning enough to oust him.

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Russia Trolley Fire Kills 11

MOSCOW — At least 11 people were killed in Moscow on Thursday when fuel spilling from a ruptured tanker truck set three trolley buses ablaze, a fire brigade official said.

The preliminary information is that 11 people are dead and all our people are out there investigating the accident," the official said by telephone.

City emergency officials said a truck carrying concrete slabs had run into the tanker as it was waiting at a traffic light on Dmitrovsky Shosse, a thoroughfare a few kilometers north of the Kremlin.

The hatch of the tanker burst off and fuel spurted on to overhead cables of three trolley buses. Fire spread from one to another," said Yuri Sharykin, deputy chairman of the city emergency commission.

He said that eight other people had suffered serious burns and an unknown number of others had been treated for lesser injuries.

Japan Ruling Party Seeks Usual Salvation: Money

By James Sterngold
New York Times Service

TOKYO — With Japan preparing for what are likely to be the most bitterly contested national elections in four decades, there are signs that the rapidly unraveling Liberal Democratic Party is seeking to hold itself together with the glue on which it has relied since its creation — money.

Every major newspaper has reported that the Liberal Democrats have gone to the major banks seeking a loan of as much as 20 billion yen (\$185 million) as a campaign war chest.

This is not the first time the scandal-plagued party has sought financial assistance on that scale, but there are signs that the alliances of the banks and other major corporations are fraying, with the party on the verge of losing its majority in the Diet, or parliament, for the first time since it was formed in 1955.

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The election has thus become a race for the political life of the remaining Liberal Democrats, and confronts them with a dilemma — rely on the tried and true, if widely reviled method of using massive spending to beat the

opposition, or risk a lower-cost campaign to prove that the old party can cleanse itself.

Not least, that has also left big Japanese corporations and banks with a similar dilemma — continue to finance a party that has always put corporate interests and patronage ahead of consumer interests, and thus risk angering the newly refurbished opposition if they should take control of the government, or finance the opposition and risk losing influence with the Liberal Democrats, who will remain the largest party in the Diet.

For the most part, money is used to pay campaign workers, who are rarely volunteers in Japanese national elections. Candidates also spend huge sums on posters, offices, sound trucks blaring slogans and the candidates' names, the hiring of young women who often wear uniforms, white gloves and hats as they wave to crowds, and cash gifts the candidates offer supporters when they visit weddings and funerals.

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In the past, the party was able to put up as collateral the expected flow of future corporate donations, which have always been huge, and that was considered good enough because of the party's lock on power and the expensive

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WORLD BRIEFS

Yeltsin Gives Estonia Harsh Warning

MOSCOW (Reuters) — President Boris N. Yeltsin, in a harsh denunciation of Estonia's citizenship policy, warned Thursday that Russia would intervene if Russian-speakers in the Baltic republic rebelled against what he called apartheid.

Mr. Yeltsin said it appeared that the Estonian leadership "in giving in to nationalist pressure, had forgotten certain geopolitical and demographic realities." He added, "The Russian side has the means to remain if it chooses."

"Russia cannot remain a disinterested observer if the Russian-speaking population should show a natural desire to defend itself against crude discrimination," he said. About 600,000 ethnic Russians make up more than a third of the population of Estonia. It has infuriated the Kremlin by refusing to allow non-Estonian-speakers the vote. About 8,000 Russian troops are still based in the republic, and Mr. Yeltsin has suspended their withdrawal until Moscow is satisfied that the rights of the ethnic Russians are secured.

Sofia Opposition Steps Up Pressure

SOFIA (AP) — Tens of thousands of supporters of Bulgaria's main opposition party demanded the government's resignation Thursday in what organizers said was the start of daily mass rallies.

The demonstration followed the announcement Wednesday by the anti-Communist Union of Democratic Forces that it would boycott all future sessions of the country's parliament. "This parliament no longer represents Bulgarian voters and has no right to exist further," the Union leader, Filip Dimitrov, told a rally in central Sofia.

The rally was the latest in a string of increasingly boisterous demonstrations by the party against President Zhelyu Zhelev and the government led by Prime Minister Lyuben Berov. Last Thursday, Mr. Berov asked the demonstrators to move a tent camp next to the building housing his office within 10 days. "The government does not want unnecessary conflicts, but there are limits to its tolerance," he warned.

Israel Plans to Fence In Territories

JERUSALEM (AFP) — Israel announced Thursday that it would build a fence around the occupied territories, which the army closed in March in an effort to curb Palestinian attacks on Israelis.

The Defense and Finance ministries have allocated \$13 million to build the barrier and construct paths for security patrols around the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, Deputy Defense Minister Motta Gur said. Metal fences will also be built around Jewish settlements in the occupied territories as well as at communities near the Israeli-Lebanese border, he said. He did not say when work would begin.

Channel Tunnel to Open on May 6

LONDON (AP) — The Channel Tunnel will finally open May 6, the chairman of the Eurotunnel, André Bénard, said at the company's annual meeting. He also said it would be forced to raise an additional billion pounds (almost \$1.5 billion) in 1994-96.

The postponed inauguration and the additional fund-raising are due to delays in the work and to the long financial dispute between Eurotunnel and the contractors, Trans Manche Link.

U.S. citizens have been warned to defer unnecessary travel to Nigeria. The State Department cited reports of disturbances in Lagos. (Reuters) A pay strike by Amsterdam municipal workers Thursday paralyzed transport, and uncollected rubbish piled up on the streets. (Reuters) After several incidents of cruise ships dumping garbage, the Caymans passed a law raising the maximum fine to \$625,000 for ships that pollute, authorities said in George Town, Cayman Islands. The law was introduced after Tourism Minister Thomas Jefferson admonished cruise companies for the damage to the marine environment. Four ships have been found guilty of illegal dumping in the Cayman Islands in the three years, but the maximum fine under the old law was only \$6,250. (Reuters) Los Angeles imposed a total ban on smoking in indoor restaurants on Thursday. The ban, which had been strongly fought by owners, does not cover bars and outdoor dining areas, but would ban cigarettes in nearly 7,000 restaurants. (Reuters) Sea travel was re-established Thursday between Corsica and Marseille as striking sailors resumed work. The strike over union recognition was called Wednesday morning and had been expected to last 72 hours. Negotiations are continuing. (AFP)

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Florida Driver Kills German Tourist

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida — A German tourist, vacationing with her boyfriend and two children, was killed here by a hit-and-run driver.

Witnesses told the police they saw Marion Wohler, 27, of Hannover, running down a beachfront highway early Wednesday. She collapsed in the street and a four-wheel drive vehicle ran over her, said a homicide detective, Steve Palazzo.

The police were trying to determine if the incident was intentional. "There was some indication early on that she may have been chased by somebody," Mr. Palazzo said. "But as yet we have not been able to confirm it." The police said that she was seen leaving a hotel bar by herself about 2 A.M. and that she was killed more than two hours later.

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Charm Offensive, Damage Control or an Intimate Dinner at the Clintons?

By Roxanne Roberts

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WASHINGTON—You invite a few people over for drinks and dinner. You talk about work, the kids, and inevitably, politics. It happens every night in Washington. No big deal. Unless you happen to be Bill Clinton.

Shunning more grand feasts of official entertainment, the president and the first lady began a series of private dinner parties this month as a way to meet some of the new neighbors—who happen to be members of the town's political and media establishments—along with a sprinkling of business types, artists and a couple of old friends.

Private is the operative word here: no comment, no pictures, no public guest lists. They're not official dinners, said Neil Lattimore, deputy press secretary to Hillary Rodham Clinton. "These are small, intimate din-

ners with the Clintons and friends." Just like, he said, the parties we all throw for our friends.

Except, of course, it's not. It's the president. Which means, like it or not, people are buzzing about the latest soirees.

"You have to be pretty jaded not to admit that being at a dinner at the White House is a pretty interesting experience," said Susan Spencer, the CBS White House correspondent. "I took my little place card home and I'm going to give it to my mother. She'll be thrilled."

Until now, Washington had been suffering from White House withdrawal. Lacking any big black-tie events at the executive mansion, social, political and media types had been reduced to gossiping from afar about happenings. Those 1,000-person fests on the South Lawn (called "zoo" or "children's" parties by guests), like the press barbecue on June 13, carry no cachet.

But these elegant dinners for 40, dubbed the

"grown-up" parties, are a genuine ace to casually drop in conversation.

Not that anyone is talking—at least not for the record. In keeping with the Clintons' wishes, many of the guests refused to comment on the dinners.

"I consider it a private party," said David McCullough, the author of "Truman." "I can tell you the food was wonderful, the music was spectacular, and the house never looked better."

Nonetheless, a few details have leaked out: There have been six dinners so far, on June 2, 3, 10, 11, and this Monday and Tuesday. The evenings typically begin at 7:30 with a cocktail hour on the Truman Balcony, with a harp and flute playing in the background. Instead of dispensing the brief receiving line pleasantries of a state dinner, both Clintons circulate freely, charming (according to more than one guest) the socks off everybody.

Usually there is a tour of the Lincoln Bedroom (somebody boozed on the bed, but no one is saying who) and newly decorated Treaty Room. The tour guide? Bill Clinton, pointing out all the neat historic doodads himself. "He's terrific at that kind of thing," said one history buff.

Dinner is served in different settings all around the mansion: in the Green or Blue rooms on the State Floor, or the second-floor Yellow Oval Room leading onto the Truman Balcony, or the East Wing foyer, which looks out on the first lady's garden.

There are four tables of 10, four courses, two wines, and the Army Strings violins in the background. The president's table, said a guest, sounded "like a mini-press conference." The rest of the room sounded the way a successful dinner should: loud, with a lot of laughter and banter.

"Given the setting," said one longtime friend, "this is about as close as you can come to feeling you're over to someone's house for dinner."

It would be cynical and churchy, say friends, to suggest that these dinners are anything but a genuine effort by the Clintons to socialize.

But put your ear to the ground and you'll hear the certain wisdom that this charm offensive is more than a coincidence: It's a smooth courting of Washington insiders and the press. The relationships have been, to put it charitably, somewhat strained. This isn't dinner, it's damage control.

Not so, according to Mrs. Clinton's press secretary, Lisa Caputo, who says the dinners have been planned for some time. "The Clintons made the decision in February to give them in late spring or early summer," she said. The couple wanted, she said, to have ample time to

learn how the White House functions and operates before they began entertaining.

The press relationship is perhaps the trickiest to navigate. After months of seeming to disdain the Washington press corps, the Clintons are now inviting them to dinner. "There was absolutely no sense of business about this evening," said one journalist. "Nothing asked, nothing offered. There were no transactions."

But for any reporter, the chance to see the Clintons in a social situation is instructive, and for the Clintons, it's a chance to show themselves, with all their expertise and sophistication, to the press. "I don't think there's any question that this is an attempt to improve press relations," said Jack Nelson of the Los Angeles Times. "I think any time there's more connection it benefits both sides. And I think it benefits the public, because it gets a clearer idea of what the leaders are doing."

Away From Politics

● Astronauts on the space shuttle *Endeavour* grabbed a giant satellite with the shuttle's robot arm Thursday and tucked it into the spacecraft's cargo bay. The reusable European satellite, called *Europa*, will be returned to Earth with its load of scientific experiments.

● A computer science professor was critically injured when a mail bomb exploded at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut, on Thursday. The victim, the second academic injured by a bomb in recent days, was identified by hospital officials as David Gelernter, 36, associate professor of computer science. On Tuesday, Dr. Charles Epstein, a San Francisco geneticist, was badly injured when he opened a parcel bomb sent to his home in the mail. Published reports, citing law enforcement officials in Washington, said authorities were exploring similarities to a string of at least 12 bombings from 1978 to 1987 in six U.S. states.

● The death of an 84-year-old Colorado woman from a respiratory illness brings to 18 the number of fatalities linked to a rodent virus, health officials said. There have been thirty-four illnesses attributed to the mysterious virus, most of them on or near a Navajo Indian reservation that spreads across parts of Arizona, New Mexico and Utah. Five of the cases were in Colorado.

● AIDS researchers are grappling with the difficult question of whether to change the guidelines that govern the use of the anti-viral drug AZT in view of a major new study that casts doubt on whether the drug prolongs life when taken in the early stages of infection. A federal advisory panel could issue new recommendations as early as this summer that would alter the drug's use. AZT, the most widely prescribed AIDS drug, is now recommended for patients who are infected with the HIV virus that causes AIDS but have not yet developed symptoms of disease.

● States may make it easier to commit mentally retarded people to state facilities against their will than it is to commit the mentally ill, the Supreme Court ruled Tuesday. The court said the constitution did not require the same standards for the retarded and the mentally ill in involuntary commitment proceedings.

AP, LAT, WP, Reuters



LAST RITE—Worshippers at St. Joseph's Church in Worcester, Massachusetts, weeping and saying a rosary while police officers escorted them from their church. They had conducted a 24-hour vigil there for more than a year to keep it from being closed and merged with another French Canadian parish. The local Roman Catholic archdiocese had obtained a court order to force them out.

Tax Increases on Fuel and Pensions Survive Senate Battle

By Paul F. Horvitz

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON—In a second day of grinding debate, Senate Democrats narrowly defeated a series of Republican efforts Thursday to undermine President Bill Clinton's five-year budget package.

A move to kill a modest gasoline tax increase was beaten by a two-to-one margin. A similar move against the Democrats' plan to increase taxes on public pensions under Social Security fell just short.

A highly partisan tone pervaded the debate as the senators moved toward an expected late-evening vote on the overall budget plan. According to Mr. Clinton and his Democratic allies, the plan would result in more than \$500 billion in cuts in the federal deficit through 1998.

The president continued to lobby wavering members of his own party, many of whom face re-election in 1994. They fear that casting votes to raise gasoline taxes or to enlarge the tax burden on Social Security recipients will be used against them by Republican challengers.

One such Democrat, Senator Frank R. Lautenberg of New Jersey, told the president at midday that he would vote against the package.

"He was annoyed, to say the least," Mr. Lautenberg said. Three liberal Democrats, meanwhile, said they had finally agreed to vote with the president after persuading Senate leaders to restore \$9 billion in health insurance funding. Republicans continued to strenuously oppose all tax increases and offered amendments to change nearly every major facet of the bill.

This prompted Senator George J. Mitchell of Maine, the Democratic leader in the Senate, to comment: "If President Clinton tomorrow sent a bill up here to raise apple pie and motherhood, I probably wouldn't touch it. The Republicans would offer an amendment that says apple pie is evil and motherhood is a bad idea."

The Republicans failed Wednesday night in an effort to pass a "tax-free alternative" to the overall bill that would still yield \$500 billion in deficit reduction. The measure was beaten on a 55-to-43 procedural vote in a body that has 56 Democrats and 44 Republicans.

Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato, a New York Republican, raised a large poster of a dinosaur labeled "Tax-a-Saurus" and stabbed it with a golf-club-sized pencil as he declared his opposition to any tax increases to reduce the deficit.

"Let's kill the Tax-a-Saurus," he shouted. "Finish it!" Senator David L. Boren, an Oklahoma Democrat, called the Republican effort "a political charade."

His colleagues asserted that any attempt to avoid new taxes amounted to a shield for wealthy Americans whose incomes rose and whose taxes fell during the 1980s. The heart of the Republican plan was a cap on the growth of such mandated spending as the Medicare health insurance program for the elderly, Medicaid coverage for the poor, food stamps, welfare, veterans' benefits and farm price supports. Many economists say these "entitlement" programs comprise a runaway engine of deficit-spending in the U.S. budget.

But Democrats maintained

Wednesday that the cap was, as Senator Jim Sasser of Tennessee put it, "political hocus-pocus" because it set a broad ceiling on spending without any description of whose benefits should be cut to achieve the lower level.

On Thursday, the Republican effort to kill a 4.3-cent-a-gallon tax increase on gasoline, diesel and jet fuel lost on a 50-to-48 vote.

Just outside, Ross Perot, the Dallas businessman, held a news conference to urge more spending cuts and less parsimony.

The Senate bill, most of which is supported by Mr. Clinton, contains \$250 billion in tax increases and \$100 billion in specific spending cuts. An amendment backed by the Democrats would impose a five-year freeze on all federal spending except entitlements and debt ser-

POLITICAL NOTES

For Health Plan, It's See You in September

WASHINGTON—The Clinton administration now appears likely to delay introduction of its health care plan until at least September, according to administration sources and members of Congress who met with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

After a meeting with House supporters of a single-payer, Canadian-style approach to health care, Mrs. Clinton, who heads a task force on overhauling the health-care system, said that the administration was prepared to move with its package as soon as Congress completed the budget reconciliation process. "As soon as it's over, we're ready," she said.

But while officials emphasized that the White House had made no final decision on further delaying the package—originally scheduled to be introduced in May—budget reconciliation is likely to continue through July, and then Congress is in recess for most of August. One White House official suggested that September would be "the earliest" that health care legislation could be introduced, and a game plan for promoting its passage could be put in place. (WFP)

Scowcroft Group: Think Tank as SWAT Team

WASHINGTON—In Washington, old bureaucrats never fade away. They just incorporate.

Some of the leading lights of George Bush's foreign policy team have popped up again, calling a news conference to try to recapture the spotlight they enjoyed when they were helping to break up the Soviet Union and putting together the coalition against Saddam Hussein.

Brent Scowcroft, Mr. Bush's national security adviser, joined Lawrence S. Eagleburger, Mr. Bush's last secretary of state; Robert M. Gates, his director of central intelligence; Carla A. Hills, his trade representative, and other former officials in a law firm's borrowed conference room, repackaging themselves as a nonprofit group called the Forum for International Policy. To give the group a nonpartisan gloss, two Democratic lawyers and party leaders, Lloyd N. Cutler and Robert S. Strauss, sit on its board. (NYT)

Quote/Unquote

Daniel S. Goldin, administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, after the space station was spared in the House of Representatives by a one-vote margin: "America would have stepped off the field and said we're out of the human space flight program, out of the future of technology and we're going to sit in the bleachers and watch the world go by." (WFP)

Hannah Troy, Designer of the Petite Size, Dies

New York Times Service

Hannah Troy, 93, an influential women's fashion designer and manufacturer who invented the petite size and introduced modern Italian styles to the United States, died of a heart attack Tuesday in Miami Beach.

Her two major contributions to fashion resulted from chance and keen observation.

"I was at a May Company store in California when I noticed women pulling at their shoulders and waistlines and saw that most dresses didn't fit properly," she recalled from the late 1940s. Alterations were troublesome and sometimes spoiled the design.

On a hunch that the long-waisted ideal female form was more myth than reality, she studied measurements the military had made of women who volunteered in World War II. The statistics confirmed that the typical woman was short-waisted.

So Mrs. Troy introduced the petite size, saying, "The world had a nice ring." The concept proved a popular success.

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Split in Bosnian Leadership Snarls Peace Talks in Geneva

By Paul Lewis
New York Times Service

GENEVA — A simmering quarrel within Bosnia-Herzegovina's 10-member collective presidency erupted into a full-scale power struggle Thursday, creating new opportunities but also new difficulties for efforts to negotiate an end to the 15-month-old civil war.

Rights Conference Assails Bosnia Plan

By Alan Riding
New York Times Service

VIENNA — Responding on Thursday to emotional appeals from a large bloc of Islamic countries, the World Conference on Human Rights rejected a new Serbian-Croatian peace plan to partition Bosnia-Herzegovina and called for a lifting of the arms embargo against besieged Bosnian Muslim forces.

The conference also called for an end to genocide in Bosnia and an immediate cease-fire in the fighting, and it strongly condemned "Serbia-Montenegro, the Yugoslav National Army, the Serbian militia and the extremist elements in the Bosnian Croatian militia forces" for perpetrating crimes.

The United States and most European countries abstained in the vote, arguing that the conference had agreed not to deal with crises in specific countries. But the resolution was nonetheless adopted by 88 votes in favor, with only Russia voting against and 54 nations abstaining.

The vote has no judicial significance, but it gave a large majority of United Nations members a rare opportunity to express their views in an international forum on a problem that until now has been handled almost exclusively by the Security Council.

The debate, which came on the eve of the closing of the two-week-long conference, had the effect of delaying negotiations on a final declaration aimed at reaffirming the universality of human rights and recognizing the rights of women, children and indigenous peoples.

Delegates from 170 countries have yet to agree on numerous crucial issues, including the American call for establishment of a United Nations High Commissioner on Human Rights.

Speaking on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Conferences, however, Pakistan's delegate, Agha Shahi, said it was "inconceivable" that the conference could end without addressing "the grave human tragedy that is continuing to unfold" barely 150 miles from Vienna.

In what seemed an indirect reminder of Europe's own failure to end the Bosnian war, he added that "the horrendous magnitude of the tragedy in Bosnia-Herzegovina is, and will remain, a blot on the face of a civilization which professes pride in its commitment to human rights."

The Islamic sponsors of the resolution had hoped to obtain its approval through consensus, but negotiations to this end ran up against firm European opposition to the call for a lifting of the arms embargo. France, Britain and Spain, which have supplied troops to UN peacekeeping forces in Bosnia, said such a move would escalate the war.

In contrast, the chief U.S. delegate, John Shattuck, recalled that President Bill Clinton had this week reaffirmed his view that the arms embargo should be lifted and, in a nod to European resistance, he noted that "we are actively engaged in consultations on this crucial issue to persuade others to join us."

But while recognizing that the human rights crisis in Bosnia-Herzegovina is "in many ways the most serious facing the world," he explained the American decision to abstain by noting that Thursday's vote had the effect of creating "a hierarchy of human rights catastrophes" by addressing only one of many in the world on Thursday.

Mr. Shattuck, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs, later told reporters that "it is an irony that the prime movers of this resolution included some of the prime violators of human rights in the world today, among them Iran and Iraq."

they now constitute the country's legitimate government.

At a press conference they said that the two negotiators, Lord Owen, for the European Community, and Thorvald Stoltenberg, for the United Nations, have now recognized them as the legitimate representatives of the country in peace talks.

They also announced that the European Community appears ready to do the same because the foreign ministers of Britain, Denmark and Belgium will receive them in Brussels on Saturday in the name of all 12 member states.

"That means the European Community and the world community are recognizing this presidency as the collective head of state," said Fikret Abdic, the team's most forceful member and only Muslim.

Franjo Boras, who described himself as acting head of the presidency in Mr. Izetbegovic's absence, said the seven-member team constituted a majority of the collective leadership and is thus constitutionally empowered to make decisions.

"We have a quorum," he said. But in an effort to limit the rift with Mr. Izetbegovic and his two Muslim hard-line allies, Ejup Ganic and Rasim Delic, head of the army, Mr. Boras also stressed that the team came here only to collect details of the new Serbian-Croatian offer and not to negotiate on it. "There has been no coup d'etat," he said, "we are not selling out Bosnia-Herzegovina."

Officials here say the open split in the Bosnian leadership creates a dilemma for the mediators. They welcome the decision by a majority of the leadership to treat the partition proposal as the basis for a serious attempt to find an overall solution.

At the same time they recognize that the Serbs and Croats are unlikely to bargain seriously over their plan for dividing the country into three ethnic states with the present team because it does not adequately represent Bosnia's Muslims, who make up 44 percent of the population.

"The sooner the Muslims come back to the table the better it will be for them," urged Radovan Karadzic, leader of the Bosnian Serbs. "They should negotiate rather than fight."

Lord Owen said, "We won't get firm proposals until the Muslims are in the negotiation." He was referring to the unwillingness of Presidents Franjo Tudman of Croatia and Slobodan Milosevic of Serbia to hold detailed discussions on the map showing how the country should be divided.

"No one wants to shut out anyone as important as President Izetbegovic or Dr. Ganic," Lord Owen added. He warned that Bosnia-Herzegovina would be "literally dismembered and destroyed" if the conflict continues much longer.

The Clinton administration also gave a boost to the beleaguered president by sending its first ambassador to Bosnia-Herzegovina, Victor Jackovich, to present his credentials in Sarajevo.

Mr. Jackovich assured Mr. Izetbegovic of U.S. support for Bosnia-Herzegovina as an independent, democratic and multiethnic state on the very day his fellow president is meeting to discuss its partition into a confederation of Serbian, Croatian and Muslim states.

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11 Killed in Cairo Collapse
The Associated Press
CAIRO — A condemned apartment building collapsed early Thursday and pulled down the house next door, killing at least 11 people and injuring nine.



A Kurdish separatist flashing a victory sign from the Turkish Consulate in Munich on Thursday after he and others seized the building.

KURDS: Terror Assault

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governments had been too tolerant of Kurdish extremists in their countries.

Turkey's foreign minister, Hikmet Cetin, criticized the police in Germany, France and Switzerland for reacting too slowly and ignoring Ankara warnings.

A hostage in Munich who was released at midday told the police that the terrorists were 20- to 25-year-old men who commanded the hostages energetically but politely. The men denied any connection to the Kurdistan Workers Party.

The party has been active in Western Europe since its founding in 1978. Germany's Office for Constitutional Protection, the domestic intelligence agency, estimates that there are 5,000 organized extremists — about half of them in the party — among the 400,000 Kurds living in Germany, Germany is also home to 1.5 million Turks, whose urban neighborhoods of Turkish shops, travel agencies, and banks have become targets of Kurdish terror.

In the aftermath of last month's neo-Nazi firebombing, which killed five Turkish residents in Germany, Kurdish separatists clashed with other Turkish political groups in several German cities.

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Mr. Kohl said he was under the impression that he had been held while awaiting his appeal.

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Where Attacks Took Place

Washington Post Service
Following is a list of cities where Kurds attacked Turkish stores, banks, offices or government facilities Thursday:

France	Switzerland	Germany	Munster
Marseille	Bern	Frankfurt	Hamburg
Lyon	Zurich	Essen	Dortmund
Denmark	Germany	Munich	Frankfurt
Copenhagen	Berlin	Hamburg	
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TERROR: Plot to Blow Up UN

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either of the cases who is known to be a close associate of the cleric's.

The sources said Mr. Siddiq was in the running for a senior position at the Jersey City mosque where Sheikh Abdel Rahman regularly preaches.

Sudan, the native country of five of those arrested, is one of the most fundamentalist of the Arab nations. Egypt has accused Sudan of financing the Muslim fundamentalists waging a violent campaign to overthrow the Egyptian government.

Sheikh Abdel Rahman is appealing against a deportation order from the Immigration and Naturalization Service. U.S. immigration officials contend that he lied in his entry papers. He is not being held while awaiting his appeal.

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Kurds' New Tactics Rooted in Old Woes

By Alan Cowell
New York Times Service

ANKARA — The attacks by Kurdish separatists on Turkish installations in Europe on Thursday reflected a tactical shift by a Marxist group that has been fighting a little-headed but violent guerrilla war in the remoteness of southeastern Turkey for more than nine years.

From news agency snippets about obscure and half-chronicled deaths, the assaults in Western Europe on Thursday propelled the separatist message to a far broader audience.

But the attacks also evoked the wider tangles of expediency and ethnic passions that mold the destinies of some 20 million Kurds who form troubled and troublesome minorities in parts of Turkey, Iran, Syria and Iraq.

The Kurds are Sunni Muslims and have their roots deep in the region. Traditionally, they speak Kurdish, not Arabic or Persian or Turkish, and claim a cultural heritage that sets them apart from the lands where they live. Divided among themselves, however, they present no uniform options to strategists in the United States and other Western countries.

From bases in Turkey, U.S. and allied warplanes fly regular missions over Kurdish northern Iraq to deter President Saddam Hussein's army from renewing its attacks on the area, and thereby sustaining the Kurds' claim to freedom to run their own lives.

The same Western allies, however, tacitly support Turkey's argument that separatists from the Kurdistan Workers Party — the guerrilla group thought to be behind the attacks and hostage-taking in Europe on Thursday — are terrorists, and not only because of their vicious tactics against Kurdish and Turkish civilians or their Marxist ideology.

Turkey was a bastion of the Western alliance in the Cold War and these days it is a central player in the Western campaign to contain Mr. Saddam in Iraq after the Gulf War.

Only Thursday, the Turkish parliament approved a further six-month extension of the operation under which Western warplanes patrol northern Iraq, even as Turkish forces reportedly massed in Kurdish areas of southeastern Turkey for a fresh attempt to put down a Kurdish revolt.

The realpolitik is not confined to the West. As they have fought and lost campaigns for autonomy, the Kurds have shown themselves divided by clan, faction and national boundaries. Thus, last October, Kurdish Pesh Merga guerrillas in Iraq joined the Turkish Army to fight Turkish Kurds.

The reason, essentially, was that Iraqi Kurds are totally dependent on supply routes through Turkey and on the protection of the allied warplanes flying from Turkey's airbases. They came before any notion of a shared, transnational, Kurdish cause. Indeed, expediency, not altruism, has dictated the Kurds' destiny in a region where the Kurds have found themselves pawns in the power games of the lands they inhabit.

BCCI: Racketeering Lawsuit Seeks \$1.5 Billion From Abu Dhabi Rulers

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includes former Senator Charles Mathias, its chairman.

"This action provides the best chance that the truth of the complex and mysterious takeover and control of First American will finally come to light before an American court," Mr. Albright said Thursday.

Mr. Albright, 68, a former New York superintendent of banks, has taken on an adversary that state and federal prosecutors have investigated and negotiated with for several years. They are interested in looking at documents BCCI moved from London to Abu Dhabi before the bank closed in 1990. In addition, Swaleh Naqvi, BCCI's chief executive is now under house arrest in Abu Dhabi while the country conducts its own investigation of the scandal.

The outcome of the case will have a direct effect on U.S. taxpayers. Because of a plea agreement between the liquidators of BCCI and the U.S. government, half of any money left over from the sale of First American will go to the U.S. Treasury. The other half will go to depositors who had money in BCCI branches abroad.

If Abu Dhabi were successful in claiming the \$293 million it says it is owed by First American, that would leave only \$1 billion for the U.S. fund established by the plea agreement.

Although the Abu Dhabi ruling family owned 77 percent of BCCI when it was closed by regulators in 1991 for massive fraud and money-laundering, Sheikh Zayed has contended that his family was one of the victims of the bank's wrongdoing, having lost billions in accounts it had on deposit there.

But, according to the lawsuit filed on Thursday, Sheikh Zayed was, from the founding of BCCI in 1972, a "co-conspirator with BCCI in multiple illegal acts and schemes." These included "the scheme to fraudulently acquire First American through a pattern of racketeering."

The complaint lists scores of examples of Sheikh Zayed and his co-conspirators funneling money to First American and its parent company in ways that would hide the transactions from U.S. regulators. The illegal ownership of First American by Sheikh Zayed and BCCI harmed the bank in numerous ways, according to the complaint. Following revelations about the illegal ownership, First American lost more than \$1 billion in deposits and was ordered by regulators to be sold.

The filing was the second shot in what is expected to become a huge legal battle for control of the nearly half billion dollar fund that is in the hands of Mr. Albright and the court.

ALONE: Asian 'Parachute Kids' Lead a Pampered, Lonely Life in U.S.

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sometimes cleaning, cooking or even supervising services. Child care is at San Marino High, and Zoe is a student-government leader at Huntington Intermediary School.

But educators and the UCLA study have found that along with the increased responsibilities can come isolation and pain. Some of the children readily admit to feeling sad and left out.

"My dad would kill me if he even knew I was talking to you," Craig said. Despite the paucity of hard data, interviews with students, school officials and researchers offer a glimpse into how the parachute world works.

Parents usually fly over with their children, find them a place to stay, enroll them in school and then return home. Many families buy homes in wealthy enclaves such as San Marino as a hedge against political turmoil in their home countries. Some place their children with extended family. Others pay people to take care of the children and masquerade as relatives to school officials.

Families have different ways to stay in touch. Some children fly home on vacations, but many live in the United States year-round. Some parents call weekly. Others install fax machines and make their children relay report cards to Asia.

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Wah Ching or Red Door," Mr. Cooke said, ticking off the names of two Asian gangs.

Under the terms of their immigration papers, minors must live with parents or legal guardians, often extended family, or they could be deported.

As a result, no one knows the actual number of youngsters involved. And although they acknowledge the existence of the trend, most people are reluctant to talk about it on the record.

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Nigeria Alleges a Plot by U.K. and U.S.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
ABUJA, Nigeria — The military government said Thursday that it had unearthed an anti-Nigerian plot by the United States and Britain, and it pledged "necessary action" against any country that sought to interfere in its internal affairs.

The Social Democratic Party candidate, meanwhile, declared himself president of Nigeria on Thursday. Moshood K. O. Abiola, whom unofficial results gave as the winner over Bashir Othman Tafa, candidate for the conservative National Republican Convention, said at a news conference that he was following the people's will.

The government statement was issued after Britain announced in-

Specifically, the government has unearched a plot by the governments of the United States and Britain not only to mobilize their European allies against Nigeria but also to incite peace-loving Nigerians against themselves and their government, or to incite sections of the armed forces against this government."

"We wish to state that the Nigerian government will take necessary action against any foreign country and interest groups that seek to interfere in our internal affairs," it added.

Britain, imposing limited military sanctions, said Nigeria's decision to annul the June 12 elections should be reversed.

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The air that circulates through jumbo jets is not as fresh as it used to be. To economize on fuel, the newer planes charge cabin air less frequently than older models do.

Other Comment

In Vienna, a Rights Milestone

The first world conference on human rights in 25 years, currently being held in Vienna, is a milestone in history despite the fact that much of the media has chosen to ignore or severely downplay the event.

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OPINION The Moscow Sun Lights the Road to Tokyo

By Flora Lewis

MOSCOW — A remarkable ray of sunshine has begun to pierce the dire Moscow mood, with predictions that the worst of the post-Soviet crisis is over and things are starting to pick up.

The West Must Decide What It Intends for Russia

By Georges Skorov

PARIS — The West's interest in not letting Russia revert to totalitarianism is evident. The direction Russia takes will decisively influence the geopolitical future of much of the world.

China: The Regions' New Strength Saps the Center

By Gerald Segal

HONG KONG — Economists have finally recognized that China's economy is one of the world's largest. But before China becomes number one — which will probably happen within the next generation — it is time to recognize another emerging reality about China.

Consider This Broader Set of Rights

By Beth Stephens

NEW YORK — The United Nations human rights conference in Vienna has focused attention on a longstanding debate: Who decides what constitutes a human right?

Be Prepared For Bosnia To Crumble

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON — The war in Bosnia has dragged on longer than many expert observers expected. But there is a strong chance that it will now end much more rapidly than the world anticipates.



By SKAUBER in Washington (D.C.), C.W. Snyder

grouped around it? Or is it a loose, even antagonistic, grouping of successor-states to the Soviet Union, living in separation from other countries of Central and Eastern Europe?

constituted provinces may conflict. The provinces want a peaceful environment to pursue growth; and these regions' economic partners will press for a less aggressive China.

The writer is a senior fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, in London, and editor of The Pacific Review. He contributed this comment to the Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Queen's Comedie

LONDON — By command of the Queen a contingent of the Comedie-Francaise will give a performance at Windsor Castle next week.

1918: Retreat in Italy

ROME — General Diaz today [June 24] issued the following communique: During the daytime yesterday we achieved the supreme result of our victory.

The truncated Muslim state would be spread across two or more separate chunks of territory. A second state would be carved out for the Roman Catholic Croats. The lion's share would go to the Christian Serbs.

Partitioing Bosnia, as the Serbs and Croats now urge, would create a Muslim state in Europe, one whose religious nature is not freely chosen but imposed upon it by Christian warriors.

The looming Bosnian defeat imposes two obligations on the international community. The first is to prepare now for the humanitarian disaster that is certain to come if the Bosnians choose to go down fighting.

1943: Dying for Centuries SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND — [By John Steinbeck. From our New York edition.] A small United Service Organization unit is aboard this troopship, girls and men who are going out to entertain troops wherever they may be sent.

at the price of enormous sacrifices, began, on the night from the 22nd to 23rd, his retirement to the left bank. The crossing continued yesterday under the intense fire of our artillery.

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OPINION

Ever Savvy and Stalwart, Above All She Had Heart

By William Safire

WASHINGTON — The only time I saw Pat Nixon get teary with her husband was when he invited their Irish setter, King Timahoe, to climb up on a newly recovered couch in his White House office; it offended her frugal soul and she let Richard Nixon know it.

Pat Nixon did not want her husband to go back into politics after the defeat he suffered in 1960 and 1962, but once committed, nobody was more stalwart.

private office, where he kept it as a reminder of the old days.

Fifty-three years married to the most inescapable political figure of our time: What do friends of Thelma Patricia Ryan Nixon remember?

I met her in the mid-'60s as her first comeback began, when she posed as "Miss Ryan," a volunteer answering political calls in her husband's New York law office.

She was politically savvy, an asset on the trail, and not just for patenting that rapt look listening to the same speech for the umpteenth time.

Nobody came up a harder way. She was a miner's daughter who as a child worked as a field hand on a truck farm; at 12, when her mother died, she kept house while scrubbing floors at a local bank to help her brothers get through college.

Because she did not come from the world or generation of many of her interviewees, she could say, "I'm not like all you, all those people who had it

easy." Mr. Nixon resented the "too-good-to-be-true" decision aimed at her, telling me, "They criticize her because she happens to have the virtues that are no longer fashionable — she has great character and determination."

His cousin, the novelist Jessamyn West, described Pat's face as "a private face, by bone structure, by its owner's temperament, by her punishing and cruel experiences as a girl, by the reason of 30 years of political exposure."

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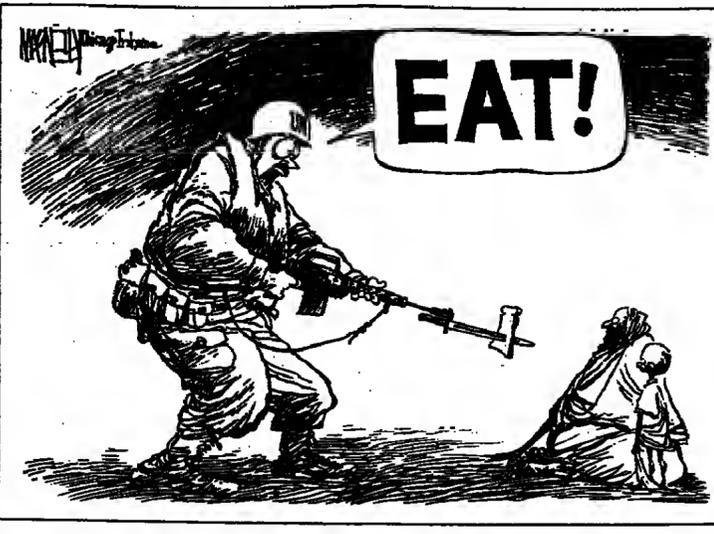
At her death at 81, we can stop to think of the meaning Pat Nixon gave to the phrase "political spouse."

The spouse of a politician accepts the loss of privacy and the loss of family time inherent in every victory, and signs on for the job of rehabilitation of ego after every loss.

Due to the long stretch of border between Thailand and Cambodia, it is difficult for Thai authorities to stop all smuggling. But in recognition of the need to protect and preserve the world's cultural heritage for future generations, Thailand has long participated in various treaties and organizations for the conservation of historic art objects.

After an exhausting day during the '68 campaign, I asked this remarkably giving woman what single quality was most needed in a political wife, and without missing a beat, she answered in one word, "Heart."

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Bad Vibes and Not Laptops Are Fliers' Frequent Woe

By Andy Rooney

NEW YORK — Several airlines have alienated — that is, further alienated — important passengers by banning the use of laptop computers for part of any flight.

The airlines say pilots have complained that their navigational instruments have been inexplicably disrupted

as soon as a passenger looks for a place to put a coat in the overhead compartment. For some time, major manufacturers have delivered new aircraft with the compartments pre-filled. Even when you are one of the first passengers on board, there is no room left above the seats.

The disturbance never occurred before airlines started projecting commercials on the cabin's TV screen before the movie. Commercials have a negative effect on our psyches and those effects produce high levels of bad vibes.

Flight attendants inadvertently produce bad vibes. They do this with their speaking style, which puts passengers' teeth on edge, and by condescending announcements that give undue emphasis to small words and inflate them.

"Fasten your seat belts" would be adequate for a plane load of people who have already fastened them. Instead, the attendant says, "We do ask that you make certain your seat belts are securely fastened." Just plain "fastened" isn't fast enough.

The problem of bad vibes is exacerbated when an attendant announces, "If there is anything we can do to make your flight more enjoyable, please don't hesitate to ask us."

The flight is in no way enjoyable, and everyone knows that the attendants are so busy you couldn't get their attention with a boat hook if you needed the Heimlich maneuver.

Fliers are part of the problem. When a passenger has temporarily put out of his mind the discomfort of flight by turning to a laptop computer, he does not wish to be reminded that the Grand Canyon can be seen on the right.

There is no test for the bad-vibes equivalent of the Richter scale, but when we are loaded on the aircraft and trundled out on the runway before the pilot announces what he has known all along — "departure will be delayed 45 minutes" — the navigational-influencing on board must exceed the Richter equivalent of 7.

It is no help when an hour later — 10 minutes before the take-off — the pilot thanks us for our patience. Fury, not patience, is what we've been feeling, and the gratuitous "thank you" grates nerves.

There is a noticeable increase in the bad-vibes level when passengers who are using laptops, with the help of natural light coming in the windows, are asked to pull down their shades because the movie — with all possibly interesting elements edited out — is about to begin.

The use of a laptop computer is one of the few things that makes a long flight bearable. Before the airlines ban them altogether, I implore them to look into the many sources of interference that seem to have escaped their attention.

The writer is a commentator on the CBS-TV program "60 Minutes." He contributed this view to The New York Times.

Thailand vs. the Smugglers

Regarding the report "Amid Chaos in Cambodia, Raiders Carry Off Temple Treasures" (May 19):

Thailand is also concerned about illicit trafficking of world cultural objects. We are deeply disturbed at the implication of Thailand's lack of responsibility and effectiveness in dealing with these acts.

Thailand has always opposed any kind of illicit traffic. The Thai government has encouraged neither import nor export of cultural materials. In fact, Thailand, like Cambodia, has been robbed of her natural treasures.

Due to the long stretch of border between Thailand and Cambodia, it is difficult for Thai authorities to stop all smuggling. But in recognition of the need to protect and preserve the world's cultural heritage for future generations, Thailand has long participated in various treaties and organizations for the conservation of historic art objects.

Thailand, for example, is a participant in the conference for Safeguarding and Development of the Historical Area of Angkor Wat, with Japan, France and Unesco as the leading coordinators.

RAVEE HONGSAPRABHAS, Deputy Director-General for Information, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bangkok.

Homosexuals' Worth

Regarding "Witches and Homosexuals" (Letter, June 3):

Well done, Leslie Schenk! Your letter reminds us of facts about homosexuals that should be obvious to all. They are talented, reliable, tolerant and enthusiastic. In my experience in the air wars over Europe, Korea, Vietnam and in the Cold War, as a jet bomber pilot and commander, their performance has been flawless. In spite of discrimination, ridicule and harassment their contribution is probably greater than that of all other services combined.

CHARLES H. MIXON, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Air Force (retired), London.

On U.S. Health Reform

Regarding "Focusing Like a Laser on Medical Costs" (Opinion, May 12):

I also underwent medical treatment to avert renal detachment, not in France but in Britain, where for 24 years I have been registered with the National Health Service, and as a result my treatment didn't cost me a penny.

I can't imagine my native United States ever going for so "socialist" a medical-coverage plan as the compre-

Extend Card Coverage

Regarding the report "American Express Acts To Open Airlines Plan To All Its Cardholders" (June 11):

The action to be taken by American Express to end the anomaly that excludes cardholders outside the United States from its Membership Miles program is commendable.

But another American Express benefit yet to be addressed is the Collision Damage Waiver for car rentals within the United States, when rented with American Express cards. Like several other credit cards, American Express provides collision damage coverage, but only with dollar cards serviced from the United States. Stateside cards are issued only to customers permanently resident there. Consequently, when traveling within the United States, whether for business or pleasure, international dollar cardholders are excluded from the Collision Damage Waiver benefit.

Since American Express has acknowledged and is in the process of correcting the inequity regarding the Membership Miles program, let us hope this consideration will also be extended to the similar inequity concerning collision damage coverage for car rentals.

R. MAXWELL FISH, Sevrán, France.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

study American laboratories. U.S. medical research is second to none.

Introducing socialized medicine in the United States as proposed by the Clinton administration would be unwise; costs for health care would skyrocket.

JACK PITMAN, London.

The French health-care system does offer an overall level of high quality and broad coverage. It certainly provides more care to more of its citizens than does the U.S. system. But it is neither cheap nor self-sufficient. It all but encourages overuse. Hospital stays are much longer than in the United States, and the number of pharmaceuticals reflects the heavy reliance on prescription drugs.

Out-of-pocket costs are much lower than in the United States, but this is only part of the financial picture. An inventive range of high taxes and social charges is supposed to pay for the system; for those of us who foot the bill, French medical care does not come cheap.

It is all too true that the American health-care system needs overhaul and it is shameful that we have for so long been the only industrialized country in the world without some form of basic coverage. But Americans would be better off looking to the French for what to avoid, not what to imitate.

BONITA W. PINKHAM, St. Germain-en-Laye, France.

The American physician, after obtaining his bachelor's degree, spends an additional eight years, on the average, undergoing medical education and internship. American medical technology leads the world in virtually all kinds of medical science. The world of medicine tends to come to the United States to observe and

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BOOKS

Some European Restaurants Thrive in Crisis

OPERATION WANDERING SOUL

By Richard Powers. 352 pages. \$23. Morrow.

Reviewed by Bruce Bawer

IF by some measures Richard Powers is the most gifted American novelist of his generation, he is also one of the most unjustly neglected. Though reviewers have been praising him fervently ever since the 1985 appearance of his first novel, "Three Farmers on Their Way to a Dance," and though his third novel, "The Gold Bug Variations," was nominated for a National Book Critics Circle Award and named Time magazine's 1991 book of the year, the 35-year-old Powers has yet to win the wide readership he deserves.

There's no mystery why this is so. Powers's novels are engaging, even exhilarating; almost every sentence invites one to pause and admire its texture, rhythm and wit, and to marvel at Powers's extraordinary gift for drawing quirky connections and making familiar points to fresh ways.

Yet these books can also, for many readers, be extremely intimidating. His prose swarms with references, often elliptical or punning or both, to obscure historical events, artworks, scientific principles, theological concepts and outdated pop-culture figures; if on one page he discourses learnedly on Anglican choir music, on the next he may move on to the Hanesatic League or the "NBC triad" (the three musical notes that used to identify the network) or Burke (either Edmund or Billie). His books may be masterpieces; if so, they are baby-boom masterpieces in which James Joyce meets Douglas "Shampoo Planet" Coupland and MTV meets MIT.

Linda Espora who soon learns that Kraft is himself an "emotional leper" desperately in need of therapy. Kraft bears the scars of childhood trauma, of current overwork and of sheer helplessness in the face of his patients' misery.

Among those patients are Niccolino, a boy with progeria (a rare genetic disorder characterized by premature aging), and Joy, an Asian girl who came to the United States as a "boat person" only to sustain a life-threatening leg infection. Both suffer terribly; both are also probably precocious, self-possessed and brave. Nor are they the only smart, suffering children here: for various chapters leave Kraft and his charges behind to focus instead on such historical events as the Children's Crusade and the evacuation of London schoolchildren during the Blitz. Linking these materials with Kraft's story is the notion that we are all youngsters dreaming of Never-Land.

"Operation Wandering Soul" might be described as sophisticated's tribute to innocence. Yet there's a paradox: even as the prose's intellectual sophistication seems to imply that maturity is a great and good thing, the narrative explicitly celebrates juvenility and suggests an equation between adulthood and moral corruption. While this novel plainly seeks to make a weighty moral point, it often seems a dance of death whose morally problematic purpose is less to ponder the anguish of innocents than to show off Powers's fancy footwork.

Indeed, Powers's manifest aspiration to plumb America's meaning (the book begins — where else? —

on the open road, with echoes aplenty of Whitman, Kerouac, Paul Anster, Don DeLillo and Updike's "Rabbit" novels) yields wittily nothing but glib, predictable digs about Keatsons, Starbuck, Mary-bus, multiplexes, fast food, sound bites and an American dream of "VCRs for all."

To Powers, America — a "flag-waving, fallen-lantern country on whom God once shed His grace like a matter sheds his skin" — would seem to be defined only by the uglier aspects of capitalism, and the New World Order defined only by a stateless host for the "Three hundred fifty million free-market consumers" of the former Soviet bloc. The disdain for America expressed here is, in fact, so simply and arrogantly conceived and arrogantly expressed that it weakens the book appreciably.

Yet what beauty there is in this book! There are paragraphs that readers will want to return to again and again — one, for example, recounting the pious fate of the participants in the Children's Crusade, and another delimiting the thoughts inspired in a Blitz-ravaged English schoolteacher by a wonderful boy choir whose "soaring, high, head voices said what it was to be alive, to be anything at all." At its best, one might say, Powers's prose itself soars like the most magnificent of choirs, memorably capturing the moments of joy and anguish, barrenness and grace, that add up to life.

Bruce Bawer, author of "The Aspects of Eternity," wrote this for The Washington Post.

WHAT THEY'RE READING

Michael Burton, undersecretary for the Middle East at the British Foreign Office, is reading Rebecca West's "Black Lamb and Grey Falcon." It's a very long and absorbing tale of a journey through Yugoslavia in the '30s, and it's the best book for someone who really wants to understand the present problem.



By Susan Keselenko Coll

LONDON — The expense account may be slashed, and the bank may be calling in the mortgage, but if the thriving business at many European restaurants is any indication, food lovers are not exactly sitting home and crying in their beers.

In England, France, and Germany, where eating establishments are said to have been especially hard hit by the recession, those that have not only survived, but have managed to lure the customer who might otherwise think a good meal was beyond his means.

"Throughout Europe," says Geoffrey Gerardi, managing director of the Lanesborough Hotel in London, "it's almost to the point where people are embarrassed to be seen dining in what used to be known as the most expensive restaurant in town. In these recessionary times it's seen as vulgar to be spending money on that sort of thing." Gerardi speaks from experience: He has witnessed a resurgence of business at his hotel's lavish dining room since it scaled back prices and lightened the menu.

Likewise, Paris's Ritz Hotel, while weathering the recession with perhaps more ease

than others, has still found it necessary to meet customers' subtle demands for "lighter" meals. "People still want to have the best service," says hotel president Frank Klein, "but at the same time they think twice before they spend."

The hotel's Espadon restaurant has responded by both revamping and introducing a fixed-price menu at 250 francs (about \$60) for lunch. "Eight or five years ago, nobody would have thought we would do it at the Ritz," he says of the menu, but since making the change Klein reports an increase in business following a slump that began with the Gulf War.

Not all restaurants admit to hard times, however. Jules Verne at the Eiffel Tower, for example, reports that a dinner reservation still must be booked five to six weeks in advance. And Le Pate, a small restaurant off the Champs-Élysées said to be frequented by the likes of François Mitterrand, reports that business is steady at roughly 400 francs per head.

The mood in Germany is a similar mix of disrupted talk laced with stories of success. Says Rita Sander, public relations director of Berlin's Brasserie Hotel Kempinski, "Restaurants are suffering, especially very expensive restaurants. . . . I think many people cook for themselves and go to the restaurants at the corner." Still, the Kempinski has managed to

book the trend with steady business at its newly opened Grill and Hummer restaurant, even at about 40 Deutsche marks (about \$23.50) per course.

Though a reported surge in tourism following the collapse of the Berlin Wall has not subsided, the newly opened Opernpalais gastronomic center in the heart of East Berlin has had no problem attracting business. Set in the historic home that served as the dwelling for the three daughters of the king of the House of Hohenzollern, a 20 million mark investment converted the site into six cafés and restaurants.

In London, where the words "economic recovery" are at least being spoken aloud, restaurateurs report signs of improvement. "The mood is upbeat," says David Harrold, chief executive of the Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain. People have gotten a bit fed up with the gloom: "Spring has come," says Harrold, and people are saying "let's at least have a meal out and enjoy ourselves."

The Savoy Group of Hotels and Restaurants reports that its establishments have increased their covers exorbitantly over the last few months, largely because it has been quick to offer value for money. Special summer promotions, such as the "888" menu (€8 for a two-course meal) on offer in August at five of

its restaurants is representative of the steps taken by the group throughout the recession, as is its fixed-price summer menu at €45 in the Savoy's River Restaurant.

An establishment name and reputation is not always enough to ride out hard times, however, and well-known restaurants, such as Sutherland's in London, have gone bust before the latest editions of guidebooks hit the shelves. But as with all stories of distress, there are instances of others who have made good in their wake.

At The Eagle, an inconspicuous little London City pub, business is so good the owners fear potential customers may be frightened off by its popularity. Opening in early 1990, co-owner Michael Belben saw more than a 240,000 turnover in his first year. A far cry from the Ritz, customers tuck into their saffron risottos served on mismatched plates purchased from charity shops and rummage sales, pay about €7.50 per meal — in cash and before the food is served — and then elbow their way into the precious vacant chair. The Eagle deliberately has rough edges, says Belben. "In the current climate, people are put off by opulent surroundings." And as his lunchtime crowd continues to swell, he hardly needs to stress his point.

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Talking Business? Watch Your Language

By Roger Collis International Herald Tribune

RALPH Waldo Emerson's counsel 150 years ago that "No man should travel until he has learned the language of the country he visits" is reflected in the current boom in language learning for business travelers. Berlitz, Europe's largest school, is said to have doubled numbers of its lessons since 1985.

The key to success, we are told, is to do business in the other person's language. But unless you can really cope in a language, it is usually best to save it for social chat.

English, of course, is now accepted as lingua franca for business travelers in most parts of the world. But forcing people to speak it when they are not completely fluent can lead to serious misunderstanding.

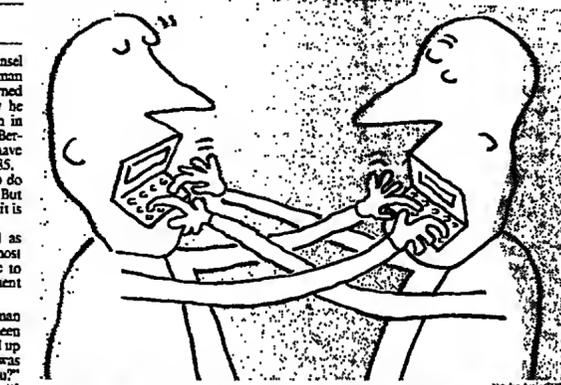
There was the case of a former German chancellor who was presented to the queen during a visit to London. He had brushed up his English for the occasion. But when he was introduced to her he said, "Who are you?" instead of, "How are you?" She replied, "I am the queen of England." That's a true story.

A good compromise is for both sides to speak their own language, which may bring a dialectical, if not an entirely cultural, meeting of minds. Although it may be worth remembering the old German adage that you should sell in the other language and buy in your own.

For most people this means speaking through interpreters. But the ability to work well with one is a technique, a skill to itself. You have to make sure that your message is well received in a cultural as well as a linguistic sense.

"You have to be very careful about using humor on formal occasions," says Peter Pooley, a deputy director-general at the EC Commission in Brussels. "If you make an after-dinner speech in the U.K., you're heavily criticized if you don't make a joke; in France you'll be criticized if you do. They'll say, 'he's a clown, he's a lightweight, especially if you're British.' The British self-mocking humor is not understood."

"It can be quite disconcerting with simultaneous interpretation," Pooley says. "You make a witty remark and those people listening in English laugh; then the French and Italians laugh; then there's a pause because the Dutch and Germans are waiting for the verb at the end of the sentence before they get it. Meanwhile, you're saying 'yes, but to



be serious I must make an important point." At which point the Germans will all burst out laughing.

The Japanese seem to have found a face-saving solution to this conundrum. The story goes of the Japanese interpreter who said

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recently: "The American gentleman has now started telling a joke. When he stops speaking, please laugh and clap loudly or I'll be in trouble."

Another solution when faced with strange English from a nonnative speaker is to tune into the French translation or hit the music button on your Walkman.

Alas, this is not possible in face-to-face meetings. Everything depends on the skill of the interpreter. Confusion generated by faulty translation is less hilarious. Experts recommend that both parties in a negotiation bring their own people to interpret for important discussions. It's convenient, but dangerous, to rely on the home side's interpreter, who may unconsciously represent the interest of his or her employer.

Keep sentences short and simple but avoid oversimplifying — which may give an impression that you're condescending — and pause frequently. Avoid vague and imprecise expressions; use visual aids; and look at the person with whom you're dealing — not the

scrutability, it is because they have developed ambiguity of expression to an art form. They have delicate ways of voicing personal opinions. The British invented circumlocution but the Japanese have brought it to perfection. It's not that they're hypocritical. But they manifest quintessential politeness, which can mean they say "yes" when they really mean "no."

The Japanese are concerned with saving face and have developed a set of rules to prevent things going wrong. So try to avoid saying no or asking questions when the answer might be no.

Closer to home, there are defective cognates between languages like English and French. The entente cordiale was in jeopardy when the French head office of its recently acquired subsidiary in the United Kingdom faxed: "We demand your latest profit figure. . . . Demander in French means to ask, not to demand."

Although we're not yet able to tune in to simultaneous interpreting at most business meetings, there is a galaxy of palm-size electronic gizmos that offer instant translations on the road. Some, like Seiko's Dr. Voice (about \$240) come with voice cards that translate phrases both ways between Japanese, English and other languages. (Check pronunciation through the earphones.) The Epson Tran Ex Cyber Translator (about \$250) allows you to translate about 3,000 English words into Japanese by scanning printed text. Fujii sells a similar product, while Canon's Wordtank (about \$300) has a range of applications for translation from several languages, such as English into Japanese or Japanese into English.

Interpreter; look out for signs of confusion; keep eye contact when culturally appropriate (in the Far East it's sometimes interpreted as aggressive or challenging behavior — only the occasional glance into another person's face is considered polite).

When it comes to the Far East, it's not so much "read my lips" as "read my mind." The Japanese method of listening comprises a repertoire of smiles, nods, and polite noises. The idea is to keep you talking, usually misinterpreted by Westerners as agreement.

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

THE Reisinger knockout team championship ended on June 6 in a victory for John Reisinger and George Torrey. Sam Bronstein and August Boehm, all of New York and Bob Sartorius of New Jersey.

The diagrammed deal from the third quarter was a turning point. At both tables North gave a jump preference to three clubs at his second turn, invitational but not forcing. In one case, South cautiously passed and made an overtrick for a score of 130. In the other, as shown, Boehm ventured three no-trump and reached a tricky contract.

West selected a heart. His choice of the seven suggested a weak suit, and East thought this over after winning with the ace and viewing South's jack. Continuing that suit would have established a trick, but would not have beaten the con-

tract. The defenders would have wound up with two club tricks and two heart tricks, and South would have made three club tricks and two in each of the other suits.

So East shifted to the spade jack, and it might seem that this dented the contract. South saw that it would be a mistake to duck, for East could then revert to hearts. The spade lead was taken with the ace, and a club was led. East won with the king and persevered with a spade.

Again South could not afford to hold up for another spade lead would have established West's queen while he had the club ace as an entry. Instead, South won and led his remaining club. West won, but could not cash two spade tricks: he had to choose between leading low to his partner's ten, or cashing the queen and establishing South's eight.

South scored nine tricks, gained 10 imps, and resisted the temptation to announce, "I wouldn't have bid it without the eight of spades."

Bridge hand diagram showing North, South, West, and East cards and tricks.

THE ARTS GUIDE

AUSTRIA

Vienna Kunsthistorisches Museum (tel: 621.77). To Sept. 1: "Gold From Kiev." More than 170 masterpieces dating from the late 16th to the 18th centuries to the Christianization of the Slavs.

BRITAIN

London British Museum (tel: 323.8588). To Aug. 30: "Textiles From the East." Contemporary decorative hangings from China, South and Southeast Asia.

London Coliseum (tel: 836.3161). "The Igor Ballet." June 29 to July 31: Performances by the Russian company from St. Petersburg with artistic director Oleg Vinogradov and the Orchestra of the Mariinsky Theatre.

The National Gallery (tel: 839 39 21). To July 11: "Tradition and Revolution in French Art: 1700-1830." Key works in French art, featuring works by Chardin, Greuze, David, Gerard, Delacroix and Courbet.

Royal Opera House, Covent Garden (tel: 240.10.66) July 9, 12, 14, 16, 19, 21, 23: Mozart's "Don Giovanni." Conducted by Bernard Haitink.

Warwick Warwick Festival (tel: 410.747). June 30 to July 11: "The city's castle is the setting for fireworks and a series of concerts that begin a Tokehovsky-Rachmaninov program. Performances include Nikolai Kozlov on piano, the Moscow String Quartet and the Russian Choir.

CANADA

Art Gallery of Ontario (Tel: 977.0414). June 25 to Sept. 6: "The Early Paradise: Arts and Crafts by



Photo from "To Live in Jerusalem" exhibit in Israel.

William Morris and His Circle." More than 285 objects by the British artist, designer and craftsman, and his contemporaries. Morris was the catalyst for a groundbreaking group of Victorian artists and designers which included Dante Gabriel Rossetti and Edward Burne-Jones.

Quebec Centre Canadien d'Architecture (tel: 839.7020). To Aug. 8: "Images de Villes Imagées: Les Expositions Universelles." Official documentation, photographs and plans on the universal exhibitions and what went in to making them.

FRANCE

Montpellier Musée Fabre (tel: 67.66.06.34). June 26 to Sept. 5: "Grand Siècle." More than 130 works by 17th-century French painters, with works by Poussin, Le Sueur, La Hire and Vouet.

GERMANY

Berlin Martin-Gropius Bau (tel: 324.5874). To July 26: "American Art in the 20th Century." Two hundred paintings and sculptures by 60 artists assess the achievements of 20th-century American art from an European viewpoint.

Bonn Bonn und Ausstellungshallen der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (tel: 917.12.00). To July 11: "Dancing Images: Flags of the Far East." More than 100 traditional flags with tribal insignia from the coastal Gera region.

Hamburg Hamburger Kunsthalle (tel: 86.28.05). To Aug. 23: "Picasso: The Period After Guernica." Some 150 paintings, drawings and sculptures done between 1937 and 1973.

Munich Bayerische Staatsgemaldesammlungen (tel: 236.050). To July 25: "Max Beckmann: Selbstbildnisse." An extensive retrospective comprised of self-portraits in the form of paintings, lithographs and woodcuts by the German artist.

Paris Musée d'Art Moderne de la Ville de Paris (tel: 47.23.61.27). To Sept. 12: "Né de Saint-Paul." An extensive retrospective of the artist's colorful paintings and sculptures.

Musée du Louvre (tel: 40.20.50.50). To Aug. 30: "French Drawings from the Pierpont Morgan Library." More than 100 drawings from the 16th to the 18th centuries including artists such as Poussin, Ingres, Degas and Gauguin.

ISRAEL

Jerusalem The Israel Museum (tel: 708.8111). To Nov. 22: "To Live in Jerusalem." Architecture, furniture and household items from religious and ethnic groups in Jerusalem over the past 150 years. Also, to Aug. 30: "The Sam Spiegel Collection." From the collection of the Hollywood producer.

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ITALY

Bologna Galleria Comunale d'Arte Moderna Piazza Costituzione (tel: 502.859). To Aug. 31: "Cinquecento Pittura a Bologna." More than 170 works document the artistic experience in Bologna from the 16th century to the present.

JAPAN

Kyoto National Museum of Modern Art (tel: 75.14.1111). To July 18: "Gauguin and the Ecole de Port-Aven." More than 120 paintings by Paul Gauguin and artists of the school of Port-Aven, including Paul Sérusier and Emile Bernard.

Nara Nara Prefecture Museum of Art (tel: 223.3968). To Aug. 1: "Gems of Modern Russian Painting From the State Tretyakov Gallery." Russian paintings dating from the 1860 through to the early 20th century.

Tokyo Tokyo Fuji Art Museum (tel: 26.91.45.11). To June 27: "An extensive Goya exhibition including more than 200 of the Spanish artist's prints."

Yokohama Yokohama Art Museum (tel: 51.05.37). To July 25: "Musée de Louvre 200 Years." A biennial anniversary celebration in honor of the Louvre, featuring more than 90 works from the golden age of French painting.

NETHERLANDS

Amsterdam Van Gogh Museum (tel: 50.52.00). To Oct. 31: "Courtesans in Japanese Prints." Courtesans served as a central theme in 18th- and 19th-century prints. This show focuses attention on van Gogh's collection of courtesan prints and their influence in his works.

SINGAPORE

Empress Place Museum (tel: 336.7633). To June 1, 1994: "One hundred and twenty works of Chinese blue and white porcelain from

SPAIN

Valencia Centre Julio González (tel: 365.50.00). To Aug. 29: "Marial Rayssa." Some 125 paintings, sculptures and objects realized between 1959 and 1991 by the French Neorealist artist.

Geneva Petit Palais (tel: 346.14.33). To Oct. 31: "Nabokov et Peintures de Port-Aven." Paintings and sculptures by artists from the Nabis movement which gained popularity between 1891 and 1900, including works by Gauguin, Cézanne, Sérusier, Vuillard and Denis.

Madrid Fondation Pierre Gianadda (tel: 22.39.78). To Nov. 21: "Edgar Degas. 1834-1917." Paintings, sculptures and drawings.

UNITED STATES

Chicago The Art Institute of Chicago (tel: 443.36.00). To Aug. 29: "Chicago Art and Design, 1822-1993: Reconfiguring of an American Metropolis." Some 700 paintings, drawings, prints, furniture, models and photographs.

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DO'S AND DON'TS

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Hold the Jokes Don't use humor, metaphors, analogies, or literary allusions that can lead to cultural as well as linguistic misunderstandings.

Pictures Talk Do make use of visual aids — a picture can be worth a thousand words. And keep your sentences short and simple.

Hire an Interpreter Don't rely on an interpreter employed by the other side. He or she may subtly distort your views. Both parties should bring their own interpreters to crucial negotiations.

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MARKET DIARY

Goodyear Optimism Fuels Dow Rebound

NEW YORK — Shares on the New York Stock Exchange rebounded from a two-day slump Thursday as a slide in long-term interest rates and a positive earnings report from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. fueled optimism.

The Dow Jones industrial average finished 23.80 points higher at 3,490.61 after closing on Wednesday at the lowest level since May 18. A rally in Goodyear's stock accounted for one-fifth of the rise in the Dow.

The market received its first positive earnings report in some time when Goodyear said second-quarter earnings could rise as much as 31 percent to \$140 million from \$106.9 million in the same period a year ago.

Goodyear's stock responded to the earnings announcement by climbing 1 1/2 to 40 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500-Stock Index rose 2.43 to 446.62 and the American Stock Exchange's Market Value Index climbed 0.60 to 435.30.

SNUB: Germany and France Spar

Continued from Page 1 that it considered that there was little room for further cuts at present.

The economic difficulties stemming from high German rates have already led Britain and Italy to leave the monetary system over the past year. Several other nations have been forced into devaluations.

France has held firm. But the French dilemma underscored by Thursday's apparent clash is that a rising tide of public and political opinion — led by the Gaullist Philippe Séguin — contends that France should cut the tie between the franc and the mark by devaluing and lowering interest rates in order to stimulate growth.

Foreign Exchange Economic differences between France and Germany have also flared recently over trade. Germany, which has a smaller agricultural sector, favors a rapid world trade agreement under the auspices of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Moreover, Prime Minister Edouard Balladur did not hide his astonishment and irritation this month when the U.S. government disclosed that it had reached a sep-

The Nasdaq Combined Composite index rose for the first time since last Friday, gaining 3.93 to 688.72.

Advances led declines on the NYSE by about 3 to 2. Trading on the Big Board was moderate, with about 260.8 million shares changing hands.

Shares of retail stores and drug companies were up the most. "The market flopped pulled off a rally after a couple of tough days," said Barry Berman, of Robert W. Baird & Co. "I doubt the strength will last because of overhanging concerns about the economy and earnings."

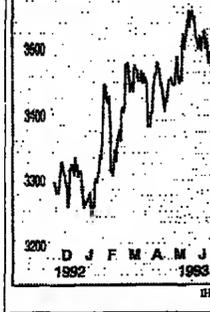
The Labor Department released a pessimistic report Thursday when it said Americans filing first-time jobless claims rose 8,000 last week to a seasonally adjusted 353,000.

The 30 components of the Dow industrials accounted for about 23.5 million shares, about 9 percent of the Big Board volume.

Intel Corp., Tucson, Ariz., Electric Power Co. LTV Corp., Wall-Mart Stores Inc. and Glaxo Holdings PLC were the five most actively traded issues.

Intel fell 1/4 to 53 1/2 after PaineWebber Inc. lowered its rating on the semiconductor company.

The Dow Daily closings of the Dow Jones Industrial Average



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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

Agence France Presse June 24

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A Move to Halt Ruble's Rise

MOSCOW — The Russian central bank, which sold dollars for months to halt a ruble slide, has started buying the currency to try to brake its rise, officials at the Moscow Interbank Currency Exchange said Thursday.

"The central bank is not interested in abrupt changes of the ruble rate," said an exchange spokesman, Yuri Shchegolov.

Dealers said the central bank had stepped into the Moscow currency market several times this week to close the gap between supply and demand. Banks initially offered to sell \$38.7 million on Thursday, while initial demand was for just \$21.8 million. The currency rose to 1.066 to the dollar on Thursday, from 1.072 on Wednesday.

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P&G to Cut Back on Jobs Worldwide

CINCINNATI (AP) — Procter & Gamble Co. said Thursday it expected to trim some of its 106,000 worldwide jobs.

"We expect eventually to evolve into a leaner and more efficient organization," said a spokeswoman. She said the company had not completed the worldwide evaluation to identify ways to cut costs, and the job-trimming figure has been reached. She would not say when the evaluation would be finished.

P&G has said its goal over the next three years is to reduce expenses to 12 percent of sales, from 14.5 percent.

Primerica Sees Job Losses in Merger

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Sanford Weill, Primerica's chairman, said Thursday that 1,000 to 1,200 jobs would be cut by the end of this year after the merger of Primerica's unit, Smith Barney Harris Upham Co., with the retail-brokerage and asset-management business of Shearson Lehman Brothers.

That merger, which will create Smith Barney Shearson, will close near the end of July. The cuts will only be in back-office operations, which Mr. Weill said was the only place where there was a duplication.

Primerica said it had named Robert Greenhall, former president of Morgan Stanley Group Inc., chairman and chief executive of Smith Barney Shearson.

Personal Incomes Rose 0.6% in May

WASHINGTON (Bloomberg) — U.S. personal incomes advanced 0.6 percent in May for the sixth straight gain as the unemployment rate declined, government figures showed Thursday.

Personal spending rose only 0.2 percent last month, while the savings rate advanced, a sign people were holding onto earnings, according to the Commerce Department statistics.

Meanwhile, the number of Americans filing jobless claims for the first time rose last week to the highest level since mid-April, the Labor Department said.

Nymex Doubles Its Offer for Comex

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — The New York Mercantile Exchange has more than doubled its offer for the Commodities Exchange to \$45 million, from \$20 million.

In May, the Nymex raised its bid to \$20 million from \$10 million in an effort to appease Comex traders. Comex traders think the exchange is worth more than \$60 million.

Nymex had wanted to complete the purchase of Comex before the launch of its 24-hour screen-trading system Thursday.

Sara Lee Corp. Elects New Officers

CHICAGO (UPI) — Sara Lee Corp. on Thursday elected Michael E. Murphy to the newly created post of vice chairman and named Cornelis Boonstra president and chief operating officer.

The board, holding a regular monthly meeting, also declared the company's 1993 consecutive common-stock dividend.

The former EC commissioner, Frans Andriessen, will become a member of Sara Lee's board and a supervisory board member of the company's Dutch unit.

For the Record

United Airlines might create a new airline to fly its unprofitable short-haul domestic routes, a spokesman, Joe Hopkins, said Thursday in Chicago. The possible spinoff is among cost-cutting options reported to be under consideration. But another source in the airline declined to confirm or deny reports that it might bundle unprofitable domestic routes into a separate airline with nonunionized employees. (AP, Bloomberg)

Stone Container Corp. said Thursday in Chicago it would sell \$400 million in notes through a public offering and private placement and use the proceeds to repay bank debt. Stone is the third-biggest U.S. paper maker. (Bloomberg)

Large advertisement on the right side of the page, featuring the text 'U.S. AT THE CLOSE' and 'P&G to Cut Back on Jobs Worldwide'. It includes a large graphic of a person's face and various headlines.

EC Urged to Ease Social Costs

Creation of Jobs Linked to Changes in System

BRUSSELS — If the European Community states want to create jobs, they must ease social costs to encourage companies to hire workers, EC Social Affairs Commissioner Pádraig Flynn said Thursday.

He said changing top-heavy social-security systems was "both economically, rationally and socially desirable."

Mr. Flynn spoke two days after an EC summit meeting set in motion a strategy of investment and job training to restore growth.

Under pressure from Britain, the EC leaders shied away from pledging that Western Europe's generous unemployment, disability, health and retirement systems would not be altered in a time of recession.

The EC economy is forecast to contract this year and unemployment is expected to break over the 18 million mark.

Mr. Flynn said EC studies found labor-intensive jobs were taxed "relatively more" than other employment. "We wish to investigate the scope for reducing labor costs and increasing employment," said Mr. Flynn, who has recently made proposals to that effect. These involve cutting social costs.

Mr. Flynn said the Community should focus on "environmental industries" and tourism — sectors that he said had the potential to absorb a million new jobs by 2000.

Also, he said, the EC states must move more rapidly toward flexible working hours and offer better tax incentives to employers.

"Something is wrong in the system if employers are encouraged to offer existing employees long overtime hours," he said, "rather than create additional new jobs."

Training programs are key to restoring growth, Mr. Flynn said.

He added, "In 10 years time, 80 percent of the existing technologies will be out-of-date but 80 percent of the existing work force will still be working."

BNP Predicts Sharp Fall In Earnings for First Half

PARIS — Banque Nationale de Paris estimated on Thursday that its net profit for the first half of 1993 would be as much as 50 percent below the level a year earlier, reflecting problem loans to domestic businesses and Third World countries.

BNP reported a profit of 1.33 billion francs (\$232.4 million) for the first half of 1992 and a profit of 2.16 billion francs for the full year.

This year, BNP said, first-half results would be "affected by a sharp drop in provisions related to French small and medium-sized business clients and also to provisions related to high-risk countries."

BNP said that while its sovereign loan portfolio yielded a profit of 1.7 billion francs in 1992 because of favorable market conditions, it was likely to produce a loss this year.

Separately, the country's Banking Commission said the eight top French banks had a decline of 36.5 percent in their combined 1992 net profit, which fell to 10.8 billion francs from 17.0 billion the year before. Bad-debt provisions rose 26.7 percent, to 62.1 billion francs.

Nonetheless, a central bank official said banks were not in danger. "The impact of the crisis in real estate on banks has been less pronounced than in other large industrial countries such as the United States or Japan," said Hervé Hannoun, deputy governor of the Bank of France. (Knight-Ridder, AFP)

Barlow Rand Gives Hint Of a Corporate Breakup

JOHANNESBURG — South Africa's industrial holding conglomerate Barlow Rand hinted in a cautionary statement to shareholders Thursday that it may want to unbundle. This follows Barlow's recent break-up of Rand Mines into separate gold, platinum and coal companies.

The notice said Barlow was examining proposals which, if implemented, would result in shareholders holding, in addition to their shares in Barlow, shares in the subsidiaries CG Smith and Remmert. The notice said it was intended that Remmert, a leading engineering company, would acquire certain of the group's electronics and electrical interests not already owned by it.

Barlow said it was also giving consideration to the disposal or listing of group businesses.

CG Smith, which makes up a significant portion of the Barlow group, has substantial interests in food, sugar and fishing. CG Smith, in which Barlow has a 38 percent direct interest, is the holding company for CG Smith Foods, which in turn holds the food producer Tiger Oats, South Africa's largest grain purchaser, and CG Smith Sugar, one of the country's two largest sugar producers.

Barlow Rand in turn is controlled, through a 22.2 percent direct interest, by South Africa's giant life insurer SA Mutual.

The news follows the statement that the natural-resources investment arm of the South African conglomerate Anglo American Corp. would sell its 38.5 percent stake in Charter Consolidated PLC.

Lonrho 6-Month Profit Gains After Asset Sales

LONDON — Higher commodity prices and the sale of unprofitable assets such as the Observer newspaper in Britain helped Lonrho PLC to report a solid half-year profit gain Thursday and to paint an optimistic picture for the future.

The results showed the British-based company had significantly cut its debt burden and trimmed its sprawling international operations, according to the deputy chairman, Paul Spicer.

Lonrho, which has mining and trading interests in Africa, reported an overall profit before tax of \$87 million (\$128 million) for the six months to March 31, up by \$37 million from the same period of 1992. Sales fell to £1.55 billion, from £1.96 billion.

The main reason for the reduction in debt was the sale of the German property unit, Gewog. Mr. Spicer said more asset sales were likely, though they were not going to be on the same scale as Gewog. Recent disposals, in addition to the Observer, included the Volkswagen/Audi distributor VAG and Scottish & Universal Newspapers Ltd.

Analysts expect the new joint chief executive, Dieter Bock, who gained his current position in February, to try to focus Lonrho on just three core areas: hotels, mining and agriculture. Mr. Spicer said this ignored a major business sector, which he called trading.

Analysts point out the recent asset sales are having the effect of increasing the group's reliance on minerals, particularly from Africa. "About half the profits come out of metals, which are dependent on commodity prices and a bit difficult to predict," said Geoff Allum of Natwest Securities.

Statoil-Neste Chemicals Link

OSLO — The state oil companies of Norway and Finland, Statoil and Neste Oy, agreed Thursday to merge their petrochemical divisions and create Europe's biggest producer of raw materials for the plastics industry.

The petrochemical giant — ranking No. 5 in the world — would begin operations in 1994 with Statoil and Neste each holding 50 percent. It would employ 6,000 with annual sales of \$2.5 billion and the combination would not entail staff cuts, Neste said.

The new company's yearly output capacity would be 1.5 million tons of polyethylene and 650,000 tons of polypropylene, Neste said, with production plants in Norway, Finland, Sweden, Belgium, Germany, France, Portugal and the United States, as well as part ownership of facilities in Saudi Arabia and Malaysia.

"Petrochemical products will constitute an important part of the total activities of Statoil in the future," said the director, Harald Norvik. Since Neste's petrochemical activities are larger than those of Statoil, Neste will receive in excess of 1 billion kroner (\$139 million), a source said.

The company will enjoy access to Statoil's substantial oil and gas operations on the Norwegian shelf. It was estimated that the deal would bring Neste immediate savings of as much as 300 million markkaa (\$53.6 million), said Jukka Viinamäen, a Neste director. Neste posted a 2.2 billion markkaa loss in 1992 before extraordinary items, reserves and taxes. Among the main reasons mentioned were depressed petrochemicals and plastics prices. (AFP, Knight-Ridder, Reuters, AP, AFX)

EC Seeks Airline-Industry Strategy

BRUSSELS — The EC Commission has set up a "committee of wise men" to study the long-term future of the air-transport industry in the 12 member states, the EC transport commissioner, Abel Matutes, said Thursday.

The committee, headed by the former Belgian transport minister, Herman de Croo, has been asked to come up with a strategy by the end of the year to ensure that European airlines remain competitive in the world market.

Mr. Matutes said some airlines would have to merge if they were to compete internationally.

The 12 members of the EC committee represent commercial and charter airlines, tour operators, airport operators, aircraft manufacturers, computer-reservation system operators and trade unions.

They include Pieter Bouw, president of the Netherlands carrier KLM; Bjarne Hansen, president of Maersk Air; the Aga Khan, president of Meridiana; and Jürgen Weber, president of the German carrier Lufthansa.

According to a commission paper, 1992 earnings for European airlines show they are facing "a serious situation." It said the major European airlines had a combined loss of \$1.5 billion in the two-year period through 1992.

The commission said the aeronautical industry has been faced with a "wave of cancellations" of orders for big planes that it feared could lead to a great surplus.

Europe's aeronautical industry suffers from high production costs and a fragmentation of the European market, the Commission said, and if this continues European airlines will not be able to compete against big American carriers.

One of the areas the commission believes needs reform is airport landing fees, many of which are set by state monopolies.

According to an EC Commission report, European airlines have been flourishing in red ink since the Gulf War in 1991 sent passenger figures plummeting.

The decline in air travel came just after many airlines had completed ambitious fleet expansion programs, with the result that they could not fill their planes and canceled orders for new aircraft.

Alcatel Alsthom SA said net profit in 1993 was likely to equal the figure of 7.1 billion francs (\$1.24 billion) for 1992.

Alcatel Bell, a Belgian unit of Alcatel Alsthom SA, said it had taken a 31 percent stake in a data-transmission network called Transinform which is designed for Russian business and industry.

Daimler-Benz AG confirmed that Franz Steinkühler, who quit last month as head of Germany's largest union amid suspicions of insider trading, had resigned his position on the company's supervisory board.

Smith New Court PLC, the British brokerage, said it was planning to raise \$41.2 million (\$60.7 million) by selling new shares to existing shareholders on a two-for-seven basis.

TI Group PLC, the British engineering group, said it was in talks with Saecma, the French state-owned engine manufacturer, over a possible merger of units that make landing gear. A merger would create a company with sales of as much as \$300 million.

Gewerkschaft Textil-Bekleidung said 2,500 workers were called out from eight companies in the state of Baden-Württemberg for a two-day strike after pay talks broke down without agreement. (Knight-Ridder, UPI, AFX, Bloomberg, Reuters)

BOSCH: Job Cuts Planned as Firm Fears First Sales Drop Since 1960s

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sales would fall 12 to 15 percent in 1993.

But several industry analysts said the company was performing reasonably well considering the slowdown in almost all European car and truck markets.

"In 1992 results were not bad at all," said Mr. Ruland.

Analysts predicted that the sharp cost cuts would benefit the company in the medium term. "They have been cutting costs for about 18 months now, so they will be in quite good shape," said Lothar Lubinski, analyst at Trinkaus Capital Management.

(AFP, AFX, Reuters)

KHD Sales Plunge

Klöckner-Humboldt-Deutz AG, the maker of agricultural machinery and auto parts, said group sales in the first five months of 1993 plunged 21 percent and orders fell 25 percent, Bloomberg Business News reported from Cologne.

"We don't expect the economic climate in the markets relevant to KHD to generally improve in the coming months," said Chief Executive Werner Kirchgässer. "Nevertheless, we expect to be stronger

Investor's Europe

Frankfurt DAX	London FTSE 100 Index	Paris CAC 40
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Exchange	Index	Thursday Close	Prev. Close	% Change
Amsterdam	CBS Trend	110.70	110.90	-0.18
Brussels	Stock Index	6,469.23	6,383.41	+0.40
Frankfurt	DAX	1,686.29	1,689.39	-0.77
Frankfurt	FAZ	657.29	651.51	-0.84
Helsinki	HEX	1,167.70	1,094.20	+1.23
London	Financial Times 30	2,268.60	2,276.19	-0.29
London	FTSE 100	2,894.70	2,900.70	-0.21
Madrid	General Index	282.52	294.63	-0.76
Milan	MBE	1,776.00	1,785.00	-0.76
Paris	CAC 40	1,963.30	1,942.41	+1.08
Stockholm	Affarsvektor	1,295.30	1,289.98	+0.42
Vienna	Stock Index	377.39	378.93	-0.25
Zurich	SBS	799.80	798.20	+0.45

Sources: Reuters, AFP, International Herald Tribune

Very briefly:

- Denmark's parliament passed by one vote a major reform package designed to boost economic growth and give highly taxed Danes income tax breaks over a five-year period.
- Alcatel Alsthom SA said net profit in 1993 was likely to equal the figure of 7.1 billion francs (\$1.24 billion) for 1992.
- Alcatel Bell, a Belgian unit of Alcatel Alsthom SA, said it had taken a 31 percent stake in a data-transmission network called Transinform which is designed for Russian business and industry.
- Daimler-Benz AG confirmed that Franz Steinkühler, who quit last month as head of Germany's largest union amid suspicions of insider trading, had resigned his position on the company's supervisory board.
- Smith New Court PLC, the British brokerage, said it was planning to raise \$41.2 million (\$60.7 million) by selling new shares to existing shareholders on a two-for-seven basis.
- TI Group PLC, the British engineering group, said it was in talks with Saecma, the French state-owned engine manufacturer, over a possible merger of units that make landing gear. A merger would create a company with sales of as much as \$300 million.
- Gewerkschaft Textil-Bekleidung said 2,500 workers were called out from eight companies in the state of Baden-Württemberg for a two-day strike after pay talks broke down without agreement.

NASDAQ

Thursday's Prices
NASDAQ prices as of 4 p.m. New York time. This list compiled by the AP, consists of the 1,000 most traded securities in terms of dollar value. It is updated twice a year.

Symbol	High	Low	Open	Close	Change
IBM	125.00	124.00	124.50	124.75	+0.25
MSFT	55.00	54.00	54.50	54.75	+0.25
GOOG	275.00	270.00	272.00	271.50	-0.50
AMZN	45.00	44.00	44.50	44.75	+0.25
ORCL	35.00	34.00	34.50	34.75	+0.25
INTC	25.00	24.00	24.50	24.75	+0.25
QCOM	115.00	114.00	114.50	114.75	+0.25
TXN	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
WMT	45.00	44.00	44.50	44.75	+0.25
DIS	35.00	34.00	34.50	34.75	+0.25
BA	55.00	54.00	54.50	54.75	+0.25
GE	25.00	24.00	24.50	24.75	+0.25
GM	15.00	14.00	14.50	14.75	+0.25
MS	15.00	14.00	14.50	14.75	+0.25
DUK	35.00	34.00	34.50	34.75	+0.25
CVX	45.00	44.00	44.50	44.75	+0.25
LLY	115.00	114.00	114.50	114.75	+0.25
MRK	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
ABB	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
AMT	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
AVY	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
AXP	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
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AXY	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25
AXZ	105.00	104.00	104.50	104.75	+0.25

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SPORTS BASEBALL

Orioles Trump Tigers 2d Time

The Associated Press
The Baltimore Orioles found another unique way to beat the Detroit Tigers.

One night after they overcame a six-run deficit to win, Rick Sutcliffe did something no other pitcher has done against the Tigers this season: threw a complete game.

Sutcliffe won his sixth straight decision, remaining unbeaten since April 27, and Chris Hoiles hit his fourth home run in three games to lead the Orioles to a 6-2 victory Wednesday night.

Cal Ripken hit his eighth homer for Baltimore, which moved four

and Harold Baines' double-play grounder made it 3-1.

Hoiles, who hit two homers in Baltimore's 12-9 victory Tuesday, hit a solo home run in the fourth. Ripken made it 6-1 lead with a two-run homer in the eighth.

Yankees 4, Blue Jays 3: Jimmy Key beat Toronto in his first start against his former club and stopped the host Blue Jays' seven-game winning streak.

Paul O'Neill broke a 3-3 tie in the fifth with a groundout that scored Don Mattingly, who had three hits and drove in two runs.

John Olerud was hitless in four at-bats, ending his hitting streak at 26 games and dropping his average to .404. With runners on first and third in the eighth, Steve Howe got Olerud to hit into an inning-ending double play.

Angels 8, Royals 7: Kelly Gruber drove in four runs as visiting California took an eight-run lead, then hung on to drop Kansas City out of first place in the AL West.

Gruber hit his third home run of the season, a three-run drive in the third off Chris Haney, who was tagged for seven runs and five hits in three innings.

Mariners 8, Athletics 7: Jay Bulmer became the first player for host Seattle to hit for the cycle, scoring the winning run with a 14th-inning triple that beat Oakland.

Bulmer, who went 4 for 7, hit his fourth grand slam in the majors in the first inning, doubled in the third and singled in the fifth. Ken Griffey Jr. hit his fifth home run in four games.

Indians 8, Brewers 1: Jose Mesa allowed three hits in seven innings as Cleveland handed visiting Milwaukee its fifth consecutive loss. The Indians rallied from a 1-0 deficit in the seventh on Paul Soriano's RBI single and Thomas Howard's sacrifice fly.

Red Sox 3, Twins 1: Aaron Sele struck out eight in Boston and allowed just five hits in seven innings in his major league debut as visiting Minnesota lost its ninth straight, the majors' longest skid this year.

White Sox 7, Rangers 4: Frank Thomas hit a two-run homer as Chicago completed a three-game sweep of visiting Texas.

AL ROUNDUP

games over .500 for the first time this year. By winning the first two games of the three-game series, the Orioles won a seventh straight series for the first time since May 1986.

They have also won 16 of 19 and eight straight at home to move within six games of the first-place Tigers in the AL East.

No pitcher had gone the distance against Detroit since last Aug. 26. Sutcliffe was an unlikely candidate, considering that he had not pitched a complete game since July 10, 1992. But the 37-year-old right-hander continually worked out of difficulty, stranding eight runners.

"It's been a long time since I've gone that far," Sutcliffe said. "I've been struggling in the middle part of the game, and I had some tough times tonight, too."

Sutcliffe was making his first start in eight days after missing a turn while serving a suspension for his part in a brawl with the Seattle Mariners on June 6.

He allowed eight hits, walking three and striking out four. The key moment came in the seventh, when he gave up two straight one-out singles with Baltimore nursing a 4-1 lead. But Sutcliffe then retired Tony Phillips on a flyout and Lou Whitaker on a grounder.

Baltimore took the lead with three unearned runs in the third. With the bases loaded and no outs, Ripken hit a bouncer to the mound. Mike Moore threw wildly to the plate, allowing two runs to score.

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Carlos Garcia, with a leg up but no help from the Cubs' Ray Sanchez, got a double play in Pittsburgh.

Marlins Lose, and Fans Love It

The Associated Press
Taking the field for the first time in his adopted hometown, Cuban defector Rene Arocha was — and made — a big hit in Miami.

The rookie pitcher beat the Florida Marlins with his bat Wednesday night, his first major-league hit, a base-loaded single, scoring two runs as the St. Louis Cardinals won, 4-3.

"Now he probably thinks that he can hit," said the Cardinals' ace reliever, Lee Smith.

Arocha raised his record to 6-2 despite his shortest stint as a starter, 3 1/2 innings. His lead was protected by four relievers, with Smith getting the final four outs for his major league-leading 25th save.

"Having a hit with the bases loaded, that topped my first major-league victory," said Arocha, who

had been 0 for 19 before his single up the middle in the second inning. "I knew what the feeling was like to win a game, but I didn't know what the feeling was to have a hit in a major-league game."

Arocha is a hero among the Cuban American community in Miami, where he defected from the

sixth, when the Marlins later scored on Jeff Conine's sacrifice fly.

Phillies 8, Braves 3: Atlanta's bullpen allowed six runs in the seventh inning in Philadelphia after John Smoltz worked six innings, allowing three hits and two runs while striking out 10 and walking five.

Reliever Greg McMichael started the seventh and gave up a two-run single to Jim Eisenreich and RBI singles to Darren Daulton and Mickey Morandini. Two more runs scored on bases-loaded walks by Mark Wohlers and Steve Bedrosian.

Giants 6, Padres 2: Robby Thompson got his first two-homer game in the majors and Bud Black, who struck out a season-high eight while walking one, won his fourth straight start as San Francisco, at home, posted its seventh victory in eight games.

Rockies 15, Reds 5: Vinny Castilla and Danny Sheffer each drove in a club-record five runs against Cincinnati as Colorado completed its most successful homestand. The Rockies went 8-4 in the 12-game set and drew 679,635 fans — more than San Diego, Montreal and Milwaukee have drawn all season.

Expos 4, Mets 3: Dennis Martinez won his sixth straight decision for Montreal as Larry Walker hit a decisive two-run homer in the sixth inning in New York.

Pirates 9, Cubs 4: Jeff King homered and hit a run-scoring triple against visiting Chicago and Don Staught had two doubles and a single as Pittsburgh won for the seventh time in its last eight home games.

Astros 5, Dodgers 3: Eric Anthony's three-run homer with one out in the ninth in Los Angeles gave Houston its first ninth-inning comeback in 28 tries this season.

NL ROUNDUP

Cuban national team nearly two years ago. A crowd of 37,936 cheered each time his name was announced, and he received a standing ovation when he left the game.

Another Cuban, Orestes Destrade, figured in each of the runs scored against Arocha. He lined an RBI single in the first, doubled and scored in the fourth, and reached third on second baseman Gerónimo Pena's two-base error in the

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Tomorrow: The virus

New Reality, Old Mores

In Age of AIDS, Sex Is Still Easy to Find

By Bill Brubaker
Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON — Before Magic Johnson's announcement in the fall of 1991 that he had contracted the virus that causes AIDS, professional sports leagues did little to educate their players about the disease. Now players in the National Basketball Association are offered the most comprehensive AIDS education program in pro sports.

But neither it nor Johnson's revelation has eliminated one element of the jock culture: those women who

you," Blackman said. "When you're a pro athlete, people are always watching what you're doing."

"Just look at the Portland situation."

On a Saturday afternoon in January four players for the Trail Blazers — rookies Dave Johnson, Tracy Murray and Reggie Smith and nine-year veteran Jerome Kersey — met three teenage girls at a shopping mall in Salt Lake City.

With little to do until a Sunday afternoon game against the Utah Jazz, the players invited the girls to the team's hotel. What happened on the 12th floor of the Salt Lake City Marriott that night became the subject of a police investigation.

One girl, 16, told police she had sex with a player, then left his room. Unable to get a ride, she and her two friends could spend the night in his room.

"The player asked what was in it for him," Salt Lake County Attorney David Yocom wrote in a report on the incident, "and the girl responded that they all would have sex with him."

The girl told police she had sex with "four or five" players that night; the other 16-year-old said she had sex with three. The third girl, 15, said she did not have sex but witnessed sexual activity involving her friends.

The players said they did not have sex with the girls. Yocom concluded there was sexual activity, but consensual.

Although no criminal charges were filed, the team fined Kersey and Smith \$15,000 each and fined and suspended Murray and Johnson for three games, costing them \$46,500 and \$38,300, respectively.

"The Portland situation goes back to making mature judgments," said Grantham, the players' union director. "But sometimes I think we are unable to see pro athletes as what they really are: young people, sometimes a little immature, who unfortunately must mature in a fishbowl."

Geoff Petre, the Trail Blazers' senior vice president for operations, said there was one encouraging sign to the incident: "In their testimony, the girls said the players used condoms. So maybe Magic Johnson and all the warnings these players have been hearing are having some effect."

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Some of the things they wear, it's like unbelievable," said Alex English, a former NBA star who is now a players' association executive. "A lot of them think: Why not go get an NBA husband?"

There are more and more people at hotels now, hanging out downstairs, trying to call your room," said Rolando Blackman, a guard for the New York Knicks.

"They'll say, 'I'm a friend of a friend who told me to give you a call. So what's happening after the game?'"

Armon Gilliam, a five-year NBA veteran whose contract was recently bought out by the Philadelphia 76ers, explained how some NBA players share women.

"A guy goes to a city and he meets this woman who's willing, let's put it that way. He knows his friend is going to be in that city maybe two weeks later playing the same team. So he'll say, 'Well, she was a lot of fun. She was willing. Give her a call.' Sometimes he doesn't even tell the woman the other guy will be calling. But she's willing again."

"I know of a girl who's with 10 different athletes a year," he continued. "Different sports too. The riskiest behavior is dealing with an overexposed woman who has been dealing with other guys who are constantly overexposed. Eventually somebody is going to contract something. And it's going to spread fast in that group."

Do NBA players talk much about groupies?

"Yes, and it's not necessarily. She's a groupie, stay away from her," Gilliam said. "It's: 'Maybe you want to get with her.'"

On road trips, some players have found a welcome alternative to groupies or watching television: nightclubs that feature topless and all-male dancers. It's a trend that began about two years ago, around the time of Magic Johnson's bombshell.

"Guys just want to go out and look at women instead of being with them," the Bulls' Grant explained. "You know: Look, don't touch."

At Scores, a glittery, topless club on Manhattan's East Side, women wearing G-strings gyrate in front of customers for a standard, \$20-per-dance tip.

"The Knicks, Nets, Giants, Jets, Rangers, Bulls and the visiting baseball teams — we get them all," said Craig Carino, the club's president.

Grant, 27 and married, said one night he dropped \$500 in "table dancer" tips at a club such as Scores.

Not everyone in the NBA is wild about this trend. One player, who asked not to be identified, said he knows players who have had sexual relations with strippers. "Is that a high-risk activity? Well, you make the call," the player said.

Carino said he can't stop his strippers from dating customers. "Listen, boys will be boys and girls will be girls," he said. "As long as everybody is enjoying themselves, it's good, clean fun."

Blackman declined an invitation to a party at Scores last month hosted by teammate Charles Oakley.

"If your name is printed in the newspaper that you were at this type of club, people form opinions about

In AL East, Pitfalls to Watch as Big 4 Face Off

By Claire Smith
New York Times Service
BALTIMORE — Because this is the American League, with its balanced schedule and knack for putting off what is important to almost midseason, the really good bouts on the fight card usually do not start until June.

Well, it's here, and the heavyweights of the American League East are having at it. The Tigers, the Blue Jays, the Yankees and the Orioles — the Big Four to the division's Little Three — are in a stretch where, more likely than not, one of the enemies they care most about will be staring at them from across the field.

"Now we're at a point where we want to make a statement as far as who we are," said the Yankees' Don Mattingly.

So say they all.

The first-place Tigers, who have feasted on AL East opponents, started a nine-day trek to Baltimore, Boston and New York looking for more. They lost a second straight game in Baltimore on Wednesday night. Still, Detroit is the best to be beaten, what with its 21-11

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The Tigers are fresh off an 11-game home stand in which muscles were flexed and points more than made, in which 21 home runs were hit and eight games were won. Still, their pitching, stalwart to this point, is always going to be subject to question.

But they are not alone in trying to maneuver around question marks and pitfalls.

Toronto, for all its production from WAMCO (White, Aloxar, Mollitor, Carter and Olerud) worries most about a rotation in which Jack Morris and Dave Stewart, of all people, are the biggest questions.

The Yankees, in search of the 15-5 type of run that Mattingly insists the team needs to make its mark, are also in search of the old Mattingly in the No. 3 hole, as well as a bullpen not likely to leak like a sieve at the most inopportune time.

The Orioles? The fact that their most consistent starters include the nonroster blessings Fernando Valenzuela and Jamie Moyer suggests that the most depended-upon Ben McDonald, at 3-6, is still not getting it done.

DENNIS THE MENACE



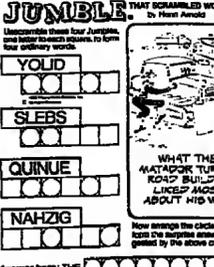
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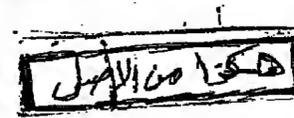
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Don't Forget to Write

By Russell Baker
NEW YORK — Mr. W. C. T. of Ossipee, New York, has a grievance against "names." They don't answer his letters. He has sent me a letter complaining about it.

lem. This is the growing frustration among "ordinary" people with a society that doesn't listen to them or even care what they have to say.

It is rudeness pure and loutish not to respond to a civil letter. When "names" behave rudely to "ordinary" letter-writing people they contribute to the spreading barbarism that makes American life increasingly crude.

Schiller Theater To Close in Berlin

THE Berlin Senate has announced a number of cultural austerity measures of which the most radical is the closing of the Schiller Theater, one of the leading German-language theaters in Europe and for years West Berlin's principal state-subsidized theater.

Why do "names" fail to answer letters from "ordinary" people? Many reasons. Illiteracy, for instance. No "name" wants to betray it to "ordinary" people by sending them mail filled with graceless sentences.

Many "names," though once literate, have lost their writing know-how after years of communicating only by telephone and fax.

W. C. T.'s complaint goes to the heart of a dangerous national problem. This is the growing frustration among "ordinary" people with a society that doesn't listen to them or even care what they have to say.

Sons of Invention? The Zappa Brothers

By Mike Zwerin
International Herald Tribune

PARIS — Out of perversion, boredom, pomposity, an attempt to live up to their quirky names, or just plain ornerness inherited from their brilliant but volatile father Frank, Ahmet and Dweezil Zappa had assumed what can be described, only slightly oversimplified, as a spoiled-rotten kid stance.

They were playing clown (Groucho-like eyebrow action) and philosopher (thoughtful hairy-chest-stroking) like good cop, bad cop. Dweezil, the Ahmet an indulgent look and explained: "A lot of jazz guys play seriously hideous notes but has this attitude, like 'I'm tough. I'm a jazzman.'"

Recalling that their father once said: "Jazz isn't dead, it just smells bad," I put one and two together and realized that the spoiled-rich-kid number was actually deeper, a sort of dynastic superiority complex. "We're a very close family," Dweezil said, understanding it. Their sister Moon Unit had a hit called "Valley Girls." Frank is fighting prostate cancer (their ground rules specified not discussing it).

music "in the library," which was "cheaper than music school." He collected rhythm-and-blues records and investigated Webers and Varese before cutting rock records called "Uncle Meat," "Hot Rats," and "Burnt Weeny Sandwich."

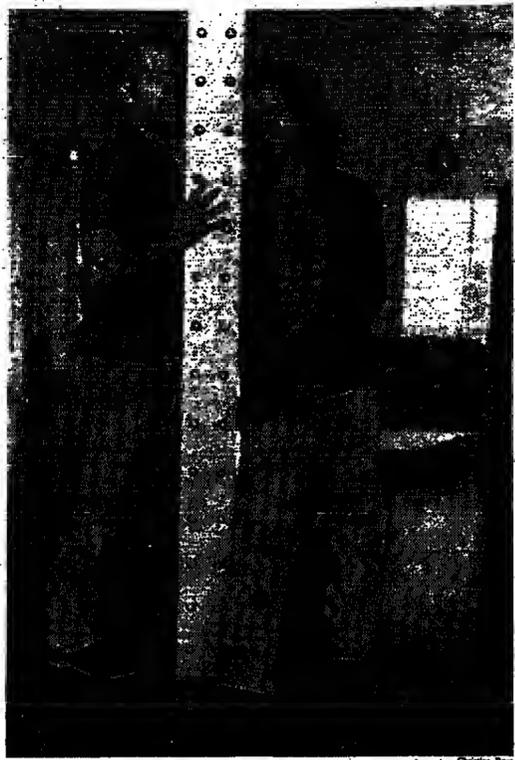
"Our father can write down any music he hears," Dweezil said with admiration. "He can look at music on a sheet of paper and hear it in his head." Yeah, that's what it's all about. I thought silently, avoiding another ambush. He continued: "I couldn't tell you what notes or chords I'm playing. I just know the relationship between what I hear and what it looks like on the instrument."

He did not express any plans to look deeper. I wondered if his literacy was limited to music. It is possible, however, that the definition is just changing. They are smart alecks, not dumb. But this was neither the time nor the place to ask what they were reading. They were not about to give up home-field advantage, and regulation time was running out.

"All our songs are political," Ahmet replied. "Particularly 'Kidz Cereal.' The politics in that song will chill you out." The song in question, sung by Ahmet, occupies a zappy place between nonsense and gore. Judging from "Shampoo Horn" (Food for Thought Records), the first album by their group, Z, which they were in town to promote, and their sold-out concert at New Morning, their band is some-where between heavy metal and grunge, not a very long span. You hear evidence of The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Living Color and Joe Satriani, and Ahmet draws blood putting on Ad Rox of Guns N' Roses (another easy target). The logo "AZ/DZ" in the album notes provides another clue.

Dweezil co-starred in the sitcom "Normal Life" with Moon Unit. In addition to having made several albums under his own name, including "My Guitar Wants to Kill Your Mama," he has worked with Don Johnson, Jellybean Baker, and Spinal Tap, and he composed songs for the Saturday morning TV show "Pee-wee's Playhouse." These credits read like e verse ridiculing the state of show business in our time by Frank Zappa.

Frank's abrasive persona can be swallowed if not whole at least with a grain of salt flavored by accomplishment. The



Ahmet, left, and Dweezil Zappa: Deceptively easy targets, but they shoot back.

son's version of his trigger-happy, hipper-than-thou, in-your-face attitude would be a lot more amusing if not for the suspicion that without their father's name, connections and money (they own a rehearsal room, this album would not be on the market let alone pushed. "We may seem silly," Dweezil said, "but the main thing is we don't want to be perceived as pompous. We're just out there to have fun. If people like it, so much the better."

Ahmet bared his teeth. "Lou Reed should blow himself away. He should get it over with as soon as possible and make a lot of people happy. We hate his music, it's the most overrated diabolical music I've heard. He has no talent at all. And he said some very cruel things about our father. He said something like, 'Frank Zappa couldn't write a good song even if you gave him a million dollars.' He went out of his way to work on one side of a particular stage where my father fell and hurt himself pretty badly during a concert. He thought that was a very funny thing to do. Lou Reed is the devil incarnate."

PEOPLE

A Linguist Boldly Goes Into Trekkie Territory

Klingon spoken here: Fans of the original "Star Trek" TV series will gather Aug. 15 to 28 at Red Lake Falls, in northwestern Minnesota, for what's billed as the first Klingon Language Camp. Klingons, the militant adversaries of the Federation, spoke English for the TV cameras but their own language in one of Paramount's movies. Glen Proche, a linguist, is helping organize the event even though he's not a big "Trekkie." "It has no direct practical application whatsoever, because nobody speaks it," he said. "Indirectly, it has all kinds of applications, as with any intellectual exercise." Yes, well anyway, as the Vulcan said: Live long and prosper. Stephen Hawking has made his acting debut on "Star Trek: The Next Generation." In the scene, the physicist and author of "A Brief History of Time," plays poker with Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and an android.

David Letterman will wrap up his TV show for NBC on Friday night. His "Late Show with David Letterman" with the competition, CBS, starts Aug. 30.

Ed Harris will star in a film about Jackson Pollock, the irascible abstract expressionist whose turbulent life ended at the age of 44 in a car accident in 1956. Harris said he would co-produce the film with the art dealer James Trezza.

A prosecutor has demanded a four-year prison term with 18 months suspended for the son of the French actor Gerard Depardieu, Guillaume Depardieu, 22, who was charged with selling heroin, admitted in court that he had used the drug but said he has now quit.

Greece granted citizenship on Thursday to Christiaan Barnard, the South African surgeon who performed the world's first human heart transplant. Barnard, 70, told a newspaper in 1991 that he would leave the country because of growing political unrest. South Africans can hold dual citizenship.

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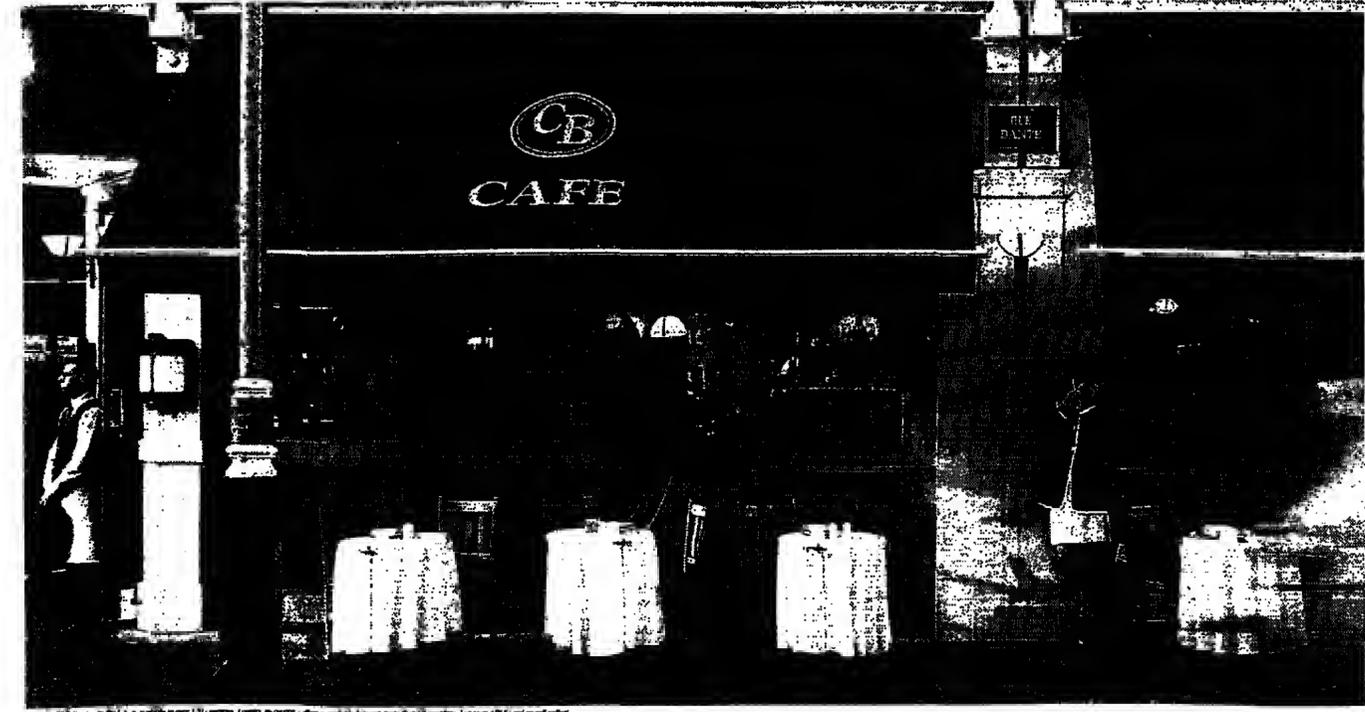


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